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Scottish rebuff for Mr Jack Jones over pay restraint

A further threat to hopes of a new round of pay restraint emerged at the Scottish TUC last night when rank-and-file members of Mr Jack

Jones's transport union ignored his advice and unexpectedly voted to back militant miners' demands for an end to all pay curbs.

never been given the credit for the sucrifices made in honour-ing the social contract, and often it looked as if it was a pretty one-sided deal. But now that pensions have been coming

that pensions have been coming to the surface, it is not time to turn tail and run. "It has never been a very

Mrs Liddell said: "If there

is a wage explosion in the autumn, then economic col-

autumn, then economic col-lapse is inevitable. Employers will have a very convenient

cover for putting more people

out of work
"Inflation will run riot and
we will have no way of getting
help from the international

pawnbrokers. It will not be the industrialists who will suffer,

weakest among them.

"The only people to benefit from the divisions in our ranks will be the Tories, and the crime of putting Margaret Thatcher into Downing Street will be on our own heads."

The opposite argument came from Mr D'Arcy in his presidential address. He said that treating Eritain's ills by keeping wages down and cutting

public spending led to a cure

years we have been urged to accept wage restraint by suc-

cessive governments, and it has

failed every time and only made the crisis more acute and the patient more ill", Mr D'Arcy said.

Other pay and prices news,

" This is the tenth time in 27

worse than the disease.

will be our people, and the

Transport men back miners

From Paul Routledge

Mr Jack Jones, general secre-lary of the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU), last night suffered a serious reversal at the hands of his union's delegates to the Scottish TUC which further threatens hopes of a renewal of wage restraint.

Against the advice of Mr Jones, the chief architect of the contract, the rank and file delegates voted at the Scot-tish TUC conference in Rothesay to support the militant Scottish miners who are seeking to commit the trade union movement to a policy of no pay

restraints of any kind.

The sudden switch in policy
by the TGWU delegation means that the miners' resolution on pay must now have a strong chance of becoming the official policy of the Scottish TUC. Although the Scottish TUC has little power and limited influence in the Labour movement, a decision to reject incomes policy is bound to have repercussions throughout the unions.
The TGWU delegation voted 18-12 to support the miners, and the union's 196,000-strong block vote is expected to tip the scales in favour of the

militant line.
Mr Michael McGahey, communist president of the Scottish miners, said last night: "I welcome the reaffirmation of the Scottish TUC for free collective bargaining and against any form of incomes policy that restricts the living standards of our people.

"I hope this will open up a wages offensive to win increased living standards and bring about a rapid reduction of unemployment in this

Mr McGabey will propose the hard-line resolution in to-morrow's debate on incomes policy, and the transport wur-kers' decision marks a shift

back to treditional political postures by the Scottish TUC.

Last year Mr Jones prevented the left wing line from being adopted, but his efforts this time appear to have failed. this time appear to have failed.

Until last night's unexpected hardening of attitude by the TGVU delegates it had been thought that Mr Jones would use his hig block vote in support of the Government and its policy of bringing in a third phase of incomes policy, albeit of a very flexible kind.

The miners will be opposed

The miners will be opposed by the General and Municipal Workers' Union and the Elec-trical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union. But the printing union, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fire-

The Scottish TUC general council earlier had split 8-8 on the question of supporting the miners, and their decision to back them was possible only because the communist chair-man of the conference, Mr Hugh D'Arcy, used his casting vote in favour.

The conference had heard a stern warning from Airs Helen Liddell, who next month becomes general secretary of the Labour Party in Scotland, about the consequences of abandon-ing the social contract. She said that economic collapse would follow a wages explosion, and the divisions in the Labour movement would put Mrs Tharcher into 10 Downing

She told delegates: "The union movement has

Warning of 3 million unemployed by 1985 By Melvyu Westlake

Britain faces having three million people out of work by 1985, just when the income from North Sea oil is starting to fall. If the nation's industrial decline has not been arrested by then the consequences for unemployment and living standards in the following years could be disastrous."

years could be "disastrous".

This view is expressed by Mr
Wynne Godley, the director of
the Department of Applied
Economics, University of Cambridge. Mr Godley, who has
been both a consultant to the
Treasury and a deputy director
of the Treasury's Economic
Section, delivers his warning in
the latest edition of The British
Economy, published yesterday
by City stockbrokers Vickers,
da Costa.

He argues that unemploy-

He argues that unemployment will be increased if Mr Healey maintains the nominal exchange rate of the pound at its present level, as the Chancellor hinted in his recent Rudget speech. good negotiating archuique to throw out a deal before you know what is in it, and the way some trade union leaders are talking right now, I get the impression that they have not much confidence in their own Budget speech. negoriating ability with the Government."

The recent relative strength of the pound has provoked considerable controversy among now be the appropriate policy towards the exchange rate.

The view that sterling should not be devalued or that it should be allowed to rise has received support from some influential commentators, and official policy appears to have changed from the previous position of allowing the pound to depreciate. But, Mr Godley says neither these commentators nor the Chancellor have given any indication as to how this policy is consistent with a reversal of the long term deterioration in Britain's competitive performance in world and domestic markets.

If sterling is maintained at current levels, the prospect for unemployment is shown, according to new projections carried out by Mr Godley's colleagues, to be much worse than suggested in the March issue of the Cambridge Economic Policy Review (of which Mr Godley was a joint author). This concluded that, if ster-

ling was allowed to decline to maintain our competitiveness, the long-run adverse trends, combined with the prospective rise in the labour sapply, would he likely to result in unemploy-ment "well over two million in the mid-1980s during the peak period of North Sea produc-

Should the Government now adopt what Mr Godley describes as the "soft option" of mainas the sort option of main-taining the present sterling ex-change rate, unemployment could reach 2.2 million by 1981 and 3 million by 1985.

This is because the assumed rise in wages-increasing faster than those in other countriestogether with the maintenance of the present exchange rate, would squeeze company profits Helped by North Sea revenue real wages will still rise. But at the same time, output, exclud-ing North Sea production, will not increase last enough to stop unemployment rising.

The stagnation of industrial production, together with the adverse trend in profits, make it very implausible that any in-dustrial strategy could raise manufacturing investment, Mr Godley argues.

He calls for serious concern to be directed to the question of how North Sea oil can be used as the basis for Britain's regeneration, and not to finance her euthanasia.

Prince of Wales dines with Mr Callaghan

By Our Political Staff
The Prince of Wales had dinner with Mr Callaguan and a number of Cabinet ministers at Chequers last night, at the invitation of the Prime Mini-

Ster.
Those present were: Mr.
Foot, Leader of the House, Mr.
Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Variey, Secretary of State for Industry, Mc Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Hat-tersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protec-

Mr Callaghan is to fly to West Germany on Monday for a two-day visit to British forces there.

The Prime Minister will meet Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor at RAP Bruggen on Monday.

investigations by the anditors,

latest seulement issues. During his visit last week Dr Owen, the British Foreign Secretary, made it clear that the main issue was the acceptability of the introduction of majority rule in 1978.

Dr Owen and his wife on arrival at Heathrow, showing few signs of strain after their arduous African tour.

At a brief press conference after the congress Mr Smith was asked whether it was his assessment that the majority of delegates accepted the idea of majority rule next year. He sidestepped the question, saying: "This wasn't really discussed in anything like those kind of terms, so I can't really report on that." By all accounts, however, the pros-pect of majority rule in 1978 was very much in the minds of the delegates. One of them accused Mr Smith of "sending the country on the same road as Zambia "

Asked to comment on this, Mr Smith conceded that some delegates had become "hysterical" but said that on the whole the debate had been "constructive and forthright" although conducted in "strong

Dr Colin Barlow, one of the group of '12 rebel' MPs, commented afterwards that it had been a "no-change" congress

ment to "see the Eritish initia-tive through "... In an hour-long interview on Rhodesian radio and television, Owen has advised white Rhodesians that they would have to take action now on things which would take place

in any case after the advent of

majority rule such as on the abolition of all racial discrim-The Foreign Secretary made it clear that he sympathized with all the black nationalists. The nationalists, who had embraced the cause of war, were essentially "men of good were essentially "men of good will being driven to take up arms", he said. Dr Owen also said bluntly that democratic elections for the transfer of power to the African majority were impossible under the present Rhodesian Front

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Dr Owen said on arrival home from Africa yesterday that it would be extremely dif-ficult to achieve a peaceful

transition to majority rule.

"Inside Rhodesia there are many differing views, there is considerable acepticism almost

Rhodesian Front congress agrees to negotiate to give up power and accept a black majority government." he said at London airport. It was not for him to make personal judgment on My Smith's commitment. "I have

got to conduct the negotiations as if he does believe what he says. I will judge the outcome and his intentions on events." But Dr Owen added that he had warned many white Rho-desians that if they started negotiations, and in six months' time their actions gave cause for disbelief about their intentions, then there would be a very vicious backlash and world opinion would react very adversely. "The days of mov-ing on this issue in a way that will be thought not to carry

true conviction are over ". Dr Owen also gave a warning that there was no chance of the guerrilla war being reduced in scale.

Ar the meeting of EEC foreign ministers, which he attended in London later in the day, Dr Owen confirmed that the idea of a trust fund for an independent Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), designed to encourage the white population to stay on in verging on disbelief as to the country after independence, whether the Rhodesian Front was very much part of the and Mr Smith really do intend Anglo-American plans.

Mr Dell warns Japan over trade barriers

launched a biting attack vesterday on Japan's import restrictions and lop-sided balance of trade with Eritain. He warned the Japanese that Britain might not continue to resist local de-mands for protectionism if Japan failed to offer its partners reciprocul trade meusures. Speaking to businessmen and journalists at a lunch in Tokyo, Mr Dell listed certain barriers

Slight growth in payments deficit

The balance of payments deficit increased slightly last month to 1232m as oil imports climbed from their low level in February. The volume of both imports and exports increased. A further fall in domestic living standards was outlined yesterday with a 2 per cent drop in March retail sales. Total sales in the first quarter were lower than for five years
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Court told of 'Flash Fred'

A freed hijacker known as "Flash Fred" went to out-rageous and illegal lengths to get money from the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa, the prosecution alleged at the Central Criminal Court. Counsel said Flash Fred was Fouaid Hussain Abu Kamil, who lived in Spain Page 4

Call for curbs on Concorde

Flights by Concorde should be banned from Heathrow airport, Loudon, from heathrow airport, Loudon, from dusk until early morning, the Noise Advisory, Council recommended, It also called for the reduction of flights by other noisy, uncertificated aircraft Page 2

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Mr Dell, Secretary for Trade, which discriminate against shooting launched a biting attack yester. United Kingdom trade. He United Kingdom trade. He pointed to high tariffs on certain items where Britain was certainly competitive, discriminatory charges which favoured the United States against Britain, and the distribution system which inflated the price of Britain's products in Japan. He Britain's products in Japan. He

said the system of free trade could only be preserved if Japan opened up its markets

Tindemans win in Belgium

Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, seems to have received backing in his country's general election for leading a new coalition govern-ment. His party, the Social Christians, not only won ground in Flanders but also held its position in French-speaking

Torture case: propaganda -

The final round of the bearings of torture allegations against Eritain by the Irish Republic, opening in Strasbourg, today before the European Court of Human Rights, is expected to produce a new wave of Soviet anti-western propaganda Page 2 By-elections: When nomina-tions closed six candidates had been put forward for the by

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Palestinian named over triple

Akache, aged 23. He was jailed for six months more than a year ago for hitting a policeman at a meeting in Hyde Park and was later deported.

At the time of his arrest police found Palestine Liberation Organization posters and pictures of PLO personalities in his botel room.

Police believe he is back in

London, and yesterday detec-tives raided 20 homes in Lon-

His men have established that Mr Akache booked into the Robert House Hotel, Westbourne Street, London, on the Tuesday before the murder of the former Yemeni prime minister, his wife and a diplo-mar as they left the Royal Lan-caster Hotel. He did not return

to his £5-a-day room after the killings. The room overlooked the front entrance of the Royal

Lancaster Hotel The victims were al-Qadi Abdulia al-Hajri, aged 65; his wife Farimah, aged 40, and Mr Abdallah al-Hammami, minister

Mr Akache spent two and a

wanted by police for questioning in connexion with the killing of three North Yemenis in London on Easter Day.

Scotland Yard named him last night as Zohair Yousif Akache, aged 23. He was jailed

Police believe he is back in

don, Brighton and Hove.

Commander James Nevill,
head of the anti-terrorist.
squad, appealed to "somebody
who must know where he is" to tell the police.

plenipotentiary at the North Yemeni Embassy, in London. They were killed with an 0.32 automatic pistol, which has not been found.

half years studying at an annexe of the Chelsea College of Aero-nautical and Automobile Engineering in London and left after gaining his aeronautical diploma ar Christmas, 1975. Artist's impression, page 2 | Bruggen on Monday.

Peachey debts clash Sir Eric Miller was asked to resign as a director of Peachey Property Corporation because of personal loans and arresponding

Sir Eric Miller in

more than £200,000 incurred in the company's name.
Sir Eric, who stood down as

Salisbury, April 18 After a sometimes highly

charged and emotional debate

today, an emergency congress of the ruling, all-white Rhode-

sian Front effectively gave Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, a

Nearly 800 delegates passed

by a large majority two amended resolutions. One used the Government to strive to reach an agreement with the party's principles and policies. The other accepted the need for a settlement and urged the Government to ensure that the

meat to ensure that "the rights of all communities are

The congress was convened because of a rebellion by 12 Rhodesian Front Members of

Parliament against the Govern-

ment's moves to modify racial segregation laws. The robels

secregation laws. The rebels and their supporters claimed that the Government was betraying party principles in order to reach a sell-out settlement. The official purpose of the emergency congress was to "clarify" the party's principles and policies but it failed in fact to do this.

meaningfully guaranteed ".

constitutional

renewed open mandate.

chairman and managing director of the group two weeks ago and who has since refused to resign from the company, said last night that he still planned to stand for reelection at Peachey's annual meeting in May despite the apposition of his fellow directions.

company costs . . . in effect, personal debt of Sir Eric ..

Among these expenses is the sum of £34,343, a debt the accounts show as "owing by Sir Eric Miller to a subsidiary which was not disclosed in the group accounts as at Jone 24, 1975, as that subsidiary has an incorrect understanding of the nature of the transactions concerned". Apart from this mis-understanding Sir Eric has also repaid 550,000 for other un-

repaid 250,000 for other, undefined debts.

These personal debts, although of concern to the present board, were not behind their call for Sir Eric's resignation last week. Lord Mais explained vasterday that the sum of £282,000, which appeared in last year's accounts peared in last year's accounts as a possible bad debt, incurred in connexion with a proposed.

European venture", was the cause of the row. Investigations by Peachey's auditors. Price Waterhouse, have been unable to confirm that the £282,000 "was properly incurred on the business of the

The cash has been written off in this year's accounts and pending the result of further



Sir Eric Miller: plans to stand for reelection.

legal action for recovery may Further details of any loans and expenses incurred by Sir Eric will be covered in an investigation of Peachey's opera-tions by Price Waterbouse. The report-commissioned by Lord Mais should be completed

within the next few months and
will, he hopes, forestall any
question of a Department of
Trade investigation.
in a statement last night Sir
Eric says that he plans to stay
as a director and that "no as a director and that "no reason has been made known to Sir Eric Miller, nor communicated to shareholders ... justifying the request by other directors for his resignation as Sir Eric knows of no event,

no fact and no allegation .

to bring about this change of attitude (by his fellow directors). The present strength of

Peachey as a public company with assets exceeding \$43m is principally the result of Sir Eric's endeavours since his association with the company from its inception in 1958. . . ." Financial Editor, page 19

Nine support majority rule by Africans

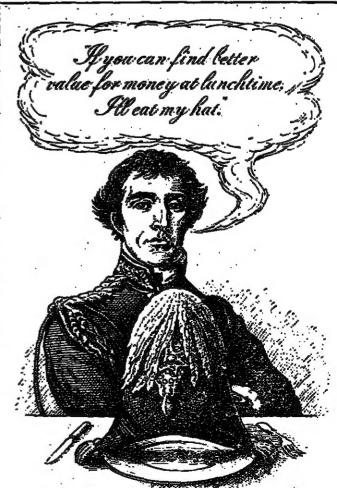
statement of principles on southern Africa was drawn up, after Dr. David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, had reported on the improved prospects for a settlement in Rhodesia.

The statement reaffirms that the EEC countries will do everything possible to promote democratic majority rule and non-racial government for the peoples of southern Africa. The French decision to air-

Good progress was made by the EEC foreign ministers at their political cooperation meeting in London yesterday. at the meeting. The French move, without consulting their partners, has raised some eye-brows in the Community, not-withstanding the general sup-port for President Mobuto's

port for President Modulo's regime in Zaire.
Namibla (South-West Africa) also looms large in the problem of southern Africa. The foreign ministers confirmed their stand in favour of demonstration and majority. cratic elections and majority rule in Namibia. Dr Owen had insisted that there could be no deals with South Africa on lift Moroccan troops to Zaire
was not criticized. The French
Foreign Minister explained
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nized that South Africa was
going to compromise either. Rhodesia or Namibia. He recognized that South Africa was not



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Mystery over bomb threat to Mr Enoch Powell

From Stewart Tendler

A mysterious attempt at the weekend to intimidate or kill Mr Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South, with a bomb reverberated yesterday in the "loyalist" political community with sharp exchanges and

suspicion.

A 3lb bomb was found in the Orange Hall at Lisburn, co Down, on Sunday after a tele phone call to a Belfast news-

paper.
On Saturday Mr Powell opened a fair in the hall and the caller, claiming to represent an unspecified but proscribed loyalist organization, said that he was the target because "he is just here to take advantage of our people". But the bomb-failed to go off the caller added, and he asked the newspaper to telephone the police.

searched extensively by the police before the fair and it is not known whether the bomb was intended to kill and was planted during the fair, or was placed afterwards as a

Yesterday both the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association denied responsibility.

Mr Powell commented:

"Just fancy that" when told about the bomb.

about the bomb.

Mr Harry West, leader of the Official Unionist Party, pointed our that Lisburn was a strong Protestant area. "I would be very surprised if any IRA organization could get into that Orange Hall", he said. Mr Thomas Passmore, leader of the Orange Order in Belfast.

said the act was the work of "disloyal loyalists", who could have murdered dozens of Pro-

ing to a stage. The hall was Coalition MPs at Westminster,

said: "The bomb attack was the result of irresponsible speeches that people interpre-ted literally". Mr Molyneaux, side with the Government in the confidence vote last month. He said that there might have been some desire to frighten Mr Powell.

In a joint statement the Rev Ian Paisley, MP, and Mr Ernest Eaird, leader of the United Ulster Unionist movement, said that Mr Molyneaux hath nisce scrious allegations against his colleagues in the Unionist coali-

tion and should either substantiate or withdraw his charge. The bomb may not help to further the cause of those loyalists who are planning to take to the streets of Portadown, co Armagh, today in support of a The bomb was found hidden Mr James Molyneaux, leader tougher security policy and of on an unused staircase lead of the United Ulster Unionist a group of Protestant vigilantes

facing prosecution.

Five members of the Ulster Scrvice Corps have been summoned for allegedly obstructing the highway with a who was present at Saturday's vehicle checkpoint. The prose-ceremony, referred to the re-cent dispute in loyalist circles an adjournment of the cases over Mr Powell's decision to until next month. Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, vesterday

denied that the prosecutions were a political decision and said there had been no interference by the Northern Ire-land Office to postpone the hearings until after local elec-tions next month.

The Army yesterday defused a bomb attached to a lorry carrying up to a thousand gallons of oil which had been left near the centre of Beliast.
The Irish Government announced resterdey that two more of the IRA hunger strikers at Portlagise prison had taken food, leaving 16 men still taking

part in a protest against condi-Strasbourg hearing, page 2 From Christopher Walker

An intensive new wave of anti-Western propaganda is expected to arise from the crucial final round of the protracted case over allegations of torture made against Britain by the Irish Republic, which opens

today before the European Court of Human Rights. Most of Russia's main news gathering organizations will be represented at the four-day hearing before 18 international judges. The proceedings will cover detailed allegations of breaches by Britain of five sprices of the European Con-mention on Human Rights, including more than 200 cases of ill treatment by the security forces between 1971 and 1974. Besides preparing to relay to Moscow extensive accounts of the charges against Britain, the Russians are believed to be gathering material in advance of the important East-West con-ference scheduled for Belgrade

Although the Strasbourg hearings provide easy access to material damaging to Britain, it is not clear how valuable it will be to the Russians except r domestic consumption. British sources emphasize

that although the court is likely to find against Britain to some extent, the Government has at least demonstrated willingness to answer the allegations before a recognized international

In addition to the wide-ranging allegations of torture against British soldiers and policemen, the Irish Govern-ment will attempt to persuade the court to rule that the use of internment in 1971 discrimi-nated against the Roman

nated against the Roman Catholic minority.

That argument has been rejected by the European Commission of Human Rights, which heard 119 winnesses before preparing a report that forms the basis for this week's proceedings. But the Irish Attorney General, Mr Declan Costello, will urge the court to overthrow

that finding and declare Britain guilty of breaching Article 14 of the convention. An early disagreement will

arise over the admissibility of evidence heard in camera before the commission. The Irish will press for certain selected sections to be submitted to the court, while Britain will attempt to ensure that the verbatim transcript of the commission's

hearings remains confidential. That remarkable classified document rims to 4,500 pages, and remains a closely guarded secret, with one original and two copies in existence.

Among those who gave evidence to the commissioners about the operation of internment were General Sir Harry Tuzo, a former GOC in Northern Ireland, and Sir Graham Shil-lington, a former Chief Constable of the RUC.

The British Attorney General, Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, and a: 10-strong team of lawyers and officials have been in Strasbourg since last Sunday pre-paring for the case, which could have serious repercussions for Britain's international standing.

Among points that will be most strongly contested will be the continuing effort by the Irish to secure legal or disciplinary measures against British soldiers and policemen involved in the allegations. I understand that the Irish

delegation will press that point, asking the court either to order Britain to take measures against the men involved or expand the commission's original verdict of torture to cover more than 200 cases of brutality allegedly committed between 1971 and 1974. After this week's hearings there will be no immediate verdict. The judges will confer privately before issuing a final written judgment in the summer. As the case is the first of its kind between two countries in the court's 18-year-history, there is no precedent for deciding what action, if any, will be taken against the British Government.

Community centre for people mentally ill From Arthur Osman

Birmingham A self-contained community development for 168 mentally handicapped adults and children near Stourbridge, West Mid-lands, which has cost £2.25m. will start taking residents in the Summer, it was stated vesterday. The West Midlands Regional Health Authority said it was the largest of its type in the country, covering a 21-acre site, and was an important innovation in treatment for mentally handicapped people, being designed to provide as normal an

environment as possible in terms of working and living. The unit, called Ridge Hill, adjoining Wordsley Hospital, near Stourbridge, and provides seven homes, five for adults and two for children, a school and an activity centre. Each singlestorey home takes 24 residents, with bed-sitting rooms for four,

The school will take the 48 child residents and an additional 50 bandicapped children from the surrounding area.

The activity centre includes accommodation for doctors, therapists, community nurses and dentists. There is residential accommodation for staff and

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French skipper forfeits £3,000 trawl net From Our Correspondent

Hull
Pierre Coppyn, skipper of a
French trawler found fishing
in British waters with undersized nets, was fined £250 with
£100 costs by magistrates at
Hull yesterday. The court also
ordered the forfeiture of the
trawl net, worth about £3,000.
M. Coppyn, of the trawler M Coppyn, of the trawler Guynemer, pleaded guilty to contravening the North East Atlantic fisheries conservation regulation, to which the EEC is

party. a party.

The prosecution said the fisheries officer of the fishery protection frigate Hardy found the trawler fishing for white fish 90 miles due east of the Humber with a net that had a mesh size of 42mm instead of the 75mm required under the regulation.

M Coppyn had said he was

fishing for mackered and herr-ing, but there was little mackerel in the white fish haul the fisheries officer had seen brought up and the total catch contained only two boxes of

herring.
Mr Peter Martin, for the defence, said that under the French regulations the skipper was allowed to catch 20 per cent of mackerel with the 42mm net but under the British regu-

Hattersley hope of 13 pc price rise rate

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

The Government's hope of bringing prices increases down to an annual level of 12 or 13 per cent by Christmas and single figures thereafter was re-iterated last night by Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

His comments came the day after Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that the trade unions were looking to the Government for a temporary price freeze on essentials, a strengthened system of controls over the passing on of costs, and limits on profit margins.

Mr Hattersley, who was being interviewed on Granada Television's Reports Politics programme, said that a total price freeze could not be imposed by any democratic government "We cannot freeze everything because some price increases are unavoid-able."

But he added that there would be powers in the promised Prices Bill to freeze specific prices. When asked if he saw the Government getting into a con-frontation with Mr Jones over freeze, Mr Hattersley replied "This Government needs to continue its partnership with the trade unions and Mr Jones is central to that."

Mr Jones knew that the Bill was "much tougher than any thing done in the past.

"If we do not get a wage agreement", he said, "prices are really going to be up to the level of your prediction by Christmas." [A Granada survey had suggested that increases are running at an annual rate of 21 per cent.] 'Need for flexibility': The

next agreement between trade unions and the Government to hold down wages should be more flexible, Mr Healey, the Chancellor, said in Luxembourg yesterday (Associated Press reports). He had been attending a meeting of EEC finance ministers.

"Fever of opposition": Mr Grant, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, spoke last night of a "dangerous spring fever" of opposition to the pay policy (the Press Association reports). He told a meeting in London:

of Concorde in airline operation. Commenting on the
recommendations, the Department of Trade said last night
that there were no plans to
operate Concorde at night, or
for it to take off in the evening or early morning.

A report prepared for the
department by the Civil Aviation Authority on the first
year of Concorde operations. "Of course flexibility is vital and that has been clearly recognized. But the free-for-all should be as repuguant to socia-lists as it is perilous to the nation as a whole."

TGWU men decline to help airport strikers

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Engineering workers who have disrupted British Airways for two weeks were denied vital support from other aviation employees yesterday. The 4,000 unofficial strikers are clearly alone in their continued stop-page and are under immense pressure to return to work,

A meeting of Transport and General Workers' Union members employed at Heathrow, attended by between 3,000 and 4,000 people, fell short of supporting the engineering workers in their unofficial action but threatened to shut Heathrow if any TGWU jobs were put at risk. It is unlikely in the medium

term that there will be any lay-offs. The immediate prospect is that the engineering workers face a long battle in their claim for better shift pay-ments and improved pay bar-gaining rights outside the normal negotiation machinery.
The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is applying strong pressure to the 4,000 to give up their unoffi-cial action and to seek redress through the accepted machinery, based on manage ment assurances that their case

But in an act of defiance the five AUEW shop stewards leading the strike called off a meeting of their supporters which had been planned for yesterday morning and which

Concorde airliners should be

banned from Heathrow airport, London, at night and during the evening and early morning, the Noise Advisory Council, which advises the Government

on aircraft noise, recommends in a report published today.

that operators of Concorde at Heathrow should offset the increased noise from the supersonic aircraft by reducing the numbers of flights by other noisy, uncertificated aircraft.

The views of a working party of the council were based on the first eight months of Concorde in airline opera-

The council also recommends

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent

will be given a thorough air-

management had hoped would result in a vote for peace. The next move is due today at a meeting of British Airways management and AUEW leaders, called by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, in yet another attempt to produce an acceptable peace

Mr Reginald Birch, the AUEW national officer who is leading the union's attempt to persuade its members to work normally, has been snubbed several times during the twoweek dispute in his attempts to end the action.

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Although the TGWU members have not backed the AUEW men, they are by no means happy with the management's handling of the dispute and British Airways stewards of the union have called for the the union have called for the resignation of Sir Frank Acc. adzean, British Airways' chairman.

Nevertheless, the union's 35,000 members throughout Heathrow are working normally and the airline yesterday maintained 60 per cent of European flights. Only four or five longdistance flights out of an average of 25 a day were cancelled. Efforts are being concentrated on long-distance flights at the expense of European and domestic flights and all domes-tic flights were again cancel-led yesterday. A similar pattern

ority was in contrast to the generally gloomy tone adopted by the working group of the

Their report said that during

the first eight months of operations, 72 per cent of the 97 departures made by

operations, 72 per cent of the 97 departures made by Concorde from Heathrow resulted in noise levels in excess of 110 perceived noise decibels.

Had those levels been recorded by subsonic aircraft they would have been classed as infringements of the moni-

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noise council.

We can close that airport. We have done it before" union's members include drivers, cabin staff, firemen, include

loaders and refuellers. There were no words of support from Mr Shorter for the AUEW men and he appealed to them "to come back into the fold". He said: "We have bent backwards to help them. We want unity.

He said all negotiations should be conducted through the National Joint Council for Civil Air Transport. That was the only way to succeed. We do not want this jeopardized by small elements."

Significantly, Mr Shorter felt able to defend a union-management pact to keep much of the airline operating, a pact dubbed by the AUEW shop stewards as a "blacklegs' charter". Offi-cially that pact is now defunct but the principle of covering the AUEW men's jobs where possible is still operating. Mr Shorter's words merely empha-sized the isolation of the engineering workers.

"We do not believe that we are blacklegging", he said.
"Our members are just carrying out their jobs. We will keep the airline flying to safeguard the jobs of our members."

But he did add that the call for Sir Frank McFadzean's resignation had been made by rards led yesterday. A similar pattern officer: "If BA threatens our led yesterday of sexpected today.

Yesterday's TGWU meeting demand would be presented to the union's civil transport the officer: "If BA threatens our criticized other unions yester-

When Concorde exceeded the 110 perceived noise decibels limit for subsonic jet aircraft at the airport, the noise levels recorded had been spread over the same range as those for subsonic jet aircraft.

Less than 5 per cent of recordings exceeding 110 perceived noise decibels were made by Concorde, the department said.

The sanguine view of Concorde's first year of operations taken by the Department of Trade and the aviation authority was in contrast to the little of the Noise Advisory Council's: working group and the largely conflicting answers by the Department of Trade and the aviation authority was in contrast to the little or the Noise Advisory council's: working group and the largely conflicting answers by the Department of Trade are likely to be used to subsonic jets, its duration is shorter because of its greater speed.

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day for continuing to operate the "blacklegs' charter", which, they said, was supposed to have been resciuded. Mr Jack Gatsky, one of the stewards, said : " The charter has not really been withdrawn. Aircraft are being

flown and spares are being He said he and his colleagues would not meet again until tomorrow morning. That would provide a breathing space in

which to hold negotiations. Refuelling plea succeeds: Workers on strike at Sydney Airport agreed yesterday to refuel four grounded Jumbo jet airliners after an appeal by international airlines who wanted to fly out hundreds of

stranded passengers.
British Airways, KLM, Alitalia, Philippines Airlines and Singapore Airlines joined in the appeal and said the grounding of their aircraft was disrupting timetables round the world The aircraft are expected to leave today.

The strikers refused to refuel

aircraft over the weekend in support of petrol tanker drivers and refuellers in Victoria and

and refuellers in Victoria and Tasmania who went on strike for higher pay and better conditions.—Reuter.

Airline paralysed: A strike by more than 600 pilots, fiight engineers and navigators paralysed the international and domestic flights of Pakistan International Airlines yesterday. The strikers are demanding shorter flying hours and higher shorter flying hours and higher pay.—Agence France-Presse. Leading article, page 15 Night ban on Concorde at Heathrow urged

Community on parallel indus-trial developments, especially on computers and aircraft produc-

"Concorde is an obvious example", he said. "The British and French governments have worked for 15 years on

this project, and spent £750m each, and now we hear that the

Americans want to do the same.

through all the processes which we have already been through? It is a project which could be

Europe should say to America:

We will work together on a stretched Concorde. We will

be generous. We will not charge you every cent or dime we have spent on developing it, but we

expect a substantial contribu-tion. But together we will pro-

wasting its resources. Washould the Americans

British Airways and Air we have already been through? France, opposed by the Port of It is a project which could be New York Authority, will shared on both aides of the attempt to gain entry for the Concorde to New York.

Mr Heath suggested that

"Here is the western world

promised for pilots From Ronald Fear Aberdeen

Backing

As more union support was pledged yesterday for pilots of Bristow Helicopters Ltd., on strike at Aberdean airport, flights to North Sea oil rigs and platforms were sharply reduced, and the company's airport fuel stocks were under stood to be running low. stood to be running low.

Sought by police: An artist's

impression of Zohair Yousif

Akache, aged 23, wanted for

questioning in connexion

with the murder of three

North Yemenis outside the

Royal Lancaster Hotel

London, on Easter Day.

stood to be running low.

Transport and General
Workers' Union members who
drive fuel vehicles refused tu
cross picket lines imposed by
pilots. The strike is over the
dismissal of a Bristow pilot,
and has the official backing of
his union, the British Air Line
Pilots Association (Balpa),
Mr William Banning, a Baine Mr William Banning, a Baipe industrial relations officer. support had come from pilots of British Airways helicopters

Union of Seamen and the Mer-chant Navy and Airline Officers Association. He said Bristow Helicopters had received no fuel since Fri-

duce a new Concorde with which we will scoop the world.

and even within the European

said yesterday that offers of based at Aberdeen and Sher-land, and from the National

day morning, and that fewer than half a dozen Bristow flights had left the airport yes-terday, instead of the usual 25. The strike is supported by most Bristow pilots. They are demanding the reinstatement of Captain Peter Royston, who received a letter of dismissal which we will scoop the world.
"If we do not, we shall see the Russians do it. This is the way these big projects should be handled."

Ban unites US protests, page 7

year of Concorde operations, and due to be published next week, would show that the im-pact of the operations around Heathrow had been small. as intringements of the moni-toring regulations. The manu-facturers' hopes and promises of reduced noise in commercial service had not been achieved, Strike-bound firm serves writ on Acas

By Tim Jones

Lebour Reporter A London-based film processing laboratory which has been involved in a 35-week dispute former employees has a municipal former employees has served a writ on the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), alleging that it has exceeded its authority by taking an "attitude survey" among

the striking workers. In serving the writ of ultra vires Grunwick Processing Laboratories has ensured that a dispute which raises fundamental issues for the trade union movement will have a legal as well as a political ingredient.

The issues are complex but hinge on the company's deci-sion to dismiss workers who had walked out of the factory last August complaining of poor pay and conditions. Grunwick management denied their allega-

The Association of Profes-sional, Executive, Clerical and

Computer Staff recruited the involved High Court actions, striking workers and lodged a arrests and convictions, sympa-claim for recognition with Acas thetic union action and a parunder section II of the Employ-ment Protection Act. It came to p

"attitude survey" undertaken by Acas, which did not include most of the 250 people still working for the company, culminated in a recommendation that the company should recognize the union.
Grunwick countered by main-

taining that the opinions of those who lost their jobs were a foregone conclusion and not relevant, as they were no longer

The union contends that if that submission was supported in law it would make the emproyment provisions of the Act meaningless and open a loop-hole that would enable em-ployers to dismiss with impunity workers who asked for recogni-tion.

It is understood that in its writ the company is seeking to prove that retrospection is no part of the Employment Pro-tection Act. The dispute has

It came to public notice when members of the Union of Post Office Workers refused to deliver mail to the company. Mr Prior, Conservative employment spokesman, called on Mr Murray, TUC general secretary, to say whether he recognized the rights of people not to join

As a result of the dispute, the union may also become embroiled in a legal action to determine what rights people have to picket. After some members had been found guilty of obstruction by magistrates earlier this year, counsel for the union said: "The decision of the coort renders illusory the protection which Parliament has sought to give to peaceful pickets and there is therefore at stake an issue which has implications for the union movement generally ".

American praise

Chemistry PhD

for British

£10 a week 'lost under the social contract' The social contract has made

Concorde Noise Levels (Stationery Office, 50p).

Our Political Correspondent writes: A larger version of the Concorde which would be quieter and carry more passengers and would be built in cooperation with the United States

was proposed last night by Mr Heath, the former Prime Minis-

ter, at a conference organized by the European Movement at

He criticized the waste of re-

sources by the western nations

Westminster.

working people "a damn sight worse off" and the average worker has sacrificed about £10 a week, Mr Patrick Lyons said yesterday in his presidential address to the annual confer-ence of Tass, the Technical, Administrative and Supervisory section of the engineering wor-

kers' union. He added that the social contract was logically at an end be-cause the Government had not fulfilled its part of the bargain. He recommended the trade political allies" to work to re-store free collective bargaining at once.

Mr Lyons told the conference

in Bournemouth that the social contract had transferred about \$12,000m of value from working people to employers and others. No wonder profits were leaping and the Stock Exchange

Bank union 'will not just watch living standards fall' The National Union of Bank much more flexible form of Employees (Nube) could not be restraint, he said.

or while 10 members' living standards con-tinued to fail. Mr Tony Maughan, the union's honorary president, said yesterday. He told Nube's annual con-

ference, at Sheffield University that pay curbs had badly affected bank workers' hving standards; even worse, erosion of differentials had distorted the pattern of pay. At the same time,

employers seemed to be becom-ing more interested in seeing how much work they could get out of their staff.

The union was pledged to restore differentials as soon as possible. That would be in the interest of its members and of the industry, "which will cer-tainly suffer if we do not have a return to free collective bar-goining, or at the very least a

So far we have not had any of the strikes that this problem has caused elsewhere

added. But the union could not go on sitting idly by. Pay restraint had also harmed the union in relation to the stoff associations. "It tends to staff associations are as successful as Nube because the same

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ful as Nube because the same limit is placed on our efforts as theirs."

Mr Maughan called for tougher penalties against bank raiders. "Anyone who has met the staff of a branch that has been raided, even those not directly involved. directly involved, is almost certain to share this view." The banks had done much to reduce the dangers but only unsuccessful raids or the arrest of the criminals and the recovery of the money could

Weather forecast and recordings



Lighting up: 8.34 pm to 5.25 am.

that the formal teaching ele-ment of American PhD pro-grammes gave students "a Troughs of low pressure will move E over the British Isles but pressure will remain high in the grammes gave students "a plus", but no importance was

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Suu rises : 5.57 am, Moon rises: Moon sets: 6.28 am. 9.18 pm. First quarter: April 26.

High water: London Bridge, 3.20 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 3.42 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft). Avonmouth, 8.51 am, 13.0m (42.5ft). Dover, 12.23 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 12.39 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 7.39 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 7.48 pm, 7.0m (23.1ft). Liverpool, 12.33 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 12.46 pm, 9.1m (29.7ft).

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Angila, E Midlands, SE, central S England,
Channel Islands: Rather cloudy.

moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).
Glasgow, Argyll, SW, NW Scotland, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain or drizzle, hill fog, brighter and mainly dry later; wind S, fresh or strong, veering SW and moderating; max temp 12°C (54°F).

See passages: S North See. Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW, light

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidiy, 7 pm, 50 per cent. Rain, 24br to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24br to 7 pm, 3.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,026 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



Not very well, we expect. But if you were blind, your fingers could be the key to By using modern methods—including a computer—the RNIB has been able to provide more braille to meet the increasing However braille instruction, literature and music represent only a part of a wide ranging service provided by the RNIB for Britain's 120,000 blind people Without your legacies and generous donations, we could not continue to maintain The help blind people need: Sunshine Nursenes and Schools for blind children, "Talking Books, rehabilitation centres for the newly blind, homes and holiday hotels, fraining and employment schemes, research into blindress and over 300 aids for use in everyday life. S:Why not furn a thought into a gift of ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND OPTEANO STREET LONDON, WIN 6AA 19 AE 1975, begis state chamber uit to stocator Dans grandet from Cogleti, revisitor (b. Orden sevent the Never 2, Assembled Act 1946

Woman died 'with a look of horror on her face' never been, and apparently had no connexions with.

Miss Jennifer Cooper, aged 26, an Oxford graduate, mysteriously died on waste ground 200 miles from her home in Hampstead, London, with a look of horror on her face, it was stated at an inquest at Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford-

at Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford-shire, yesterday.

She left her home in Wed-derburn Road Hampstead, cashed a cheque, and caught a train from Euston to Stoke-on-Trent, a city where she had

Virus outbreak at Tyneside home for elderly

wood old people's home, in Clasper village, Tyne and Wear, are suffering from symptoms of gastroenteritis and three are in hospital, Gateshead social services department said yesterday. The local public health department is carrying out an investigation, and results of tests are awaited, but the virus is not thought to be influenza or food poisoning.

Eighteen of 45 patients aged

between 75 and 90 at the West-

Six-monthly lift checks urged

Passenger-carrying "pater-noster" lifts consisting of continuous chains of small cars, ought to be inspected for safety twice as frequently as is Safety Executive said yesterday.

After investigations resulting from a fatal accident in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1975, the executive has recommended that such lifts should be thoroughly examined at least once every six months.

Jilted man iailed after injuring two policemen Herbert Stratton, aged 52, a

garage owner, of Tennant Road, York, told a woman friend that he had driven a van involved in he had driven a van involved in However, 10 respondents a fatal accident in 1944, it was said British PhD graduates stated yesterday at Leeds Crown seemed less keen to take jobs a fatal accident in 1944, it was Court. The woman felt that she could not trust him fully again, and ended their relationship. Mr Stratton, it was stated, then threw a brick through a plate glass door at her home; drove over a central reservation to avoid a police road block; drove four miles at up to 70 mph on the wrong side of a dual carriageway and went round two roundabouts the wrong way; and collided with one police car, then drove at another, injuring two officers.

He was jailed for uine months, fined £65 and disquali-

fied from driving for 15 years

after admitting damaging a

glass door, carrying an offensive

weapon, dangerous driving, damaging two police cars and causing bodily harm to two police officers by wanton

driving,

The reputation of the British chemistry PhD remains good in the United States, according to a survey of leading Ameri-Mr Frederic Hails the coroner, said that when he saw the body "there was a look of horror on the face, the fists were clenched, and the leg drawn up to the body. I don't know what could have caused that." He recorded an open Mr Frederic Hails the corocan employers. The Chemical Society asked 40 senior managers in American companies whether they regarded the British qualificaregarded the British dealers in as highly as the American PhD. The society was anxious to test recent reports (for example by the House of It was stated that death was due to poisoning by aspirin, paracetamol and codeine.

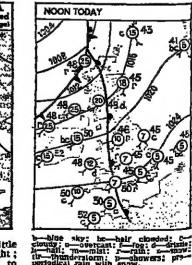
Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology) of widespread American criticism of postgraduate science educa-tion in the United Kingdom. None of the industrialists was highly critical of the British PhD, and about half," gave an unqualified assurance of absolute comparability of the British and American qualifica-

in industry. Five industrialists considered

the American PhD to be better at taking an overall view of industrial matters while his British colleague concerned himself more with his personal field of interest. There was also some feeling

attached to the fact that the PhD course was typically a year longer in the United States.

Glenn Thompson aged 15, of Little Staughton, Bedfordshire, was found dead with a hood tied over his head near his home on Sunday. A post-mortem examination showed that he had died of head wounds.



or moderate; sea slight.
English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind SW, moderate, locally fresh; sea mainly slight. Irish Sea: Wind SW, fresh or strong; sea rough.
Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Rain at times in N and W, mainly dry in SE, some bright intervals; rather warm in S, normal temp in N.

Yesterday

SW England, S Wales.—Mostly cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, hill and coastal fog; wind SW, light or moderate, max temp 11 to 13°C (52° to 53°F).

Lake District. NW England, N Wales: Mostly cloudy, rain or drizzle at time, hill fog; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).



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A freed hijacker known as Flash Fred went to macabre and outrageous lengths to get money out of the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Mr Henry Pownall, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

He added that Flash Fred, whose real name was Fouaid Hussain Abu Kamil and who was not before the court, lived in Spain and believed the corporation owed him f1m "give or take £100,000 or two ".

Counsel said: "He was, and maybe still is, determined to got that money from the com-pany and he has been prepared in the past to go to extraordinary, macabre and outrageous, not to say illegal, lengths to

As an example, he hijacked an international airliner believing that one of the wealthy Oppenheimer family was on board, with the intention of demanding what he claimed he was owed by the company. He made a complete mess of it, Mr Pownall added, and was eventually jailed in Africa.

After release he embarked on a blackmail campaign against directors of the Anglo American Corporation, using an dut-of-work actress, Jacqueline

Mr Kamil, who was once employed by the corporation recruited Miss Holborough, who in turn tried to recruit others, it was alleged. others, it was alteged.

Miss Holborough, aged 29, of Oxford Avenue, Raynes Park, London, pleaded not guilty to conspiring with Mr Kamil between July, 1975, and February last year to demand money. ary last year to demand money with menaces from the Anglo

American Corporation.

Anita Sasin, aged 20, a clerical officer, of Wornle Road, Wimbledon, London; Kenneth Wyatt, aged 51, an accountant, of Toms Lane, accountant, of Toms Lane, Kings Langley, Herrfordshire; John Malcolm, aged 29, a driver, of Friero Barnet; and Graham Stanford, aged 20, of Clarendon Road, Walthamstow, London, have pleaded not guilty to the same charge. All guilty to the same charge. All five have also pleaded not guilty to conspiring to assault persons commetted with the Anglo American Corporation, causing actual bodily harm.

Mr Malcolm, Mr Wyatt and Miss Sasin also pleaded not quilt, to 10 other charges of sending letters threatening to kill members of the Oppenheimer family and others.

Mr Pownall said that in one way or another the five were

recruited to play their part in a rather horrid campaign, and to blackmail those connected with the Anglo American Corpora-

tion to assault various people.
Counsel added: "Wreaths
were sent to their homes. They were left on the door knocker to be found the following morn-

As an extra spur to frighten, on some occasions undertakers would be telephoned and-sent round to collect the body of the

Mr Pownall said the recruitment was started in September, 1975, by an advertisement being placed in Time Out magazine. It read: "Do you want money and adventure? Men and women, race and age im-material, needed for group of adventurers being formed abroad. Send details and photo-graph if possible."

The advertiser was H. Sloane,

of Oxford Avenue. Sloane was in fact Miss Holborough. Mr Pownall said that a Miss Burns, who answered the advertisement, met Miss Holborough who told her that the advertises vos waging war against a large international corporation which the advertiser considered corrupt and involved gross mis-

the activities of the recruits if they joined would involve physical fighting, carrying messages and journalistic publications. Miss Burns was told the activities were not legal and involved violence, so she decided to have nothing to do with it. The trial continues today.

ment of Experimental Psychology at Oxford University, whose research is the first to evaluate the communication and reading skills of deaf school-leavers, tested 450 children in England and Wales.

England and Wales.

"The result showed that school heads considered that almost half of school-leavers have speech which is either very hard to understand or effectively unintelligible", the report says. "When those children with hearing loss greater than 85 decibels were considered separately, the figure rose to 70 per cent. Only 10 per cent had speech which their teachers considered to be fairly

move south

The Rev Peter Vincent, who took part in 1974 in an exorcism at his church in Gawber, Barnsley, which was followed

by the death of Mrs Christine

Mr Michael Taylor had killed

his wife. He was sent to Broad-

Taylor, is to move south. Within hours of the exorcism

Speech difficulties of the

About half of deaf school-leavers in England and Wales have sneech which is either very hard to understand or unintelligible, according to a report published yesterday. The Deaf School-leaver, written to draw attention to their plight, and to mark the beginning of National Deaf Children's Week, makes disturbing reading.

Dr R. Conrad, of the Department of Experimental Psychology at Contral Psy

deaf school-leavers

'Phantom flyposter' joins in six-cornered fight for Crosland seat

Labour does not underestimate Grimsby task

Candidates: R. Blair (C), A. De Freiras (L), A. Micchell (Lab), M. Nottingham (Malcolm Muggeridge Fan Club), M. Stanton (Soc Workers Party), and P. H. H. Bishop (Sudshine Party).

By Ronald Kershaw

Whotever one may say about the Government, its timing of beneficial announcements is impeccable: Mr Varley's statement giving parts of Humberside its long-sought development area status and the industrial incentives that go with it was expected by all the candidates in the Grimsby by-election, but obviously welcomed most by Mr Austin Mitchell, the Labour contender.

Even in the minds of his help he can get. party workers, who confess that the result will be close, Mr Mitchell needs all the help he can get if he is to retain this historically Labour seat. His predecessor, Mr Anthony Crosland, whose untimely death caused the by-election, came very near to losing it at his first Grimsby election in 1959, when the Labour majority was 101.

Mr Blair is sensibly taking the view that he is delighted with anything that is good for Grimsby. As might be expected, he is critical of the timing of the apparancement. Mr Mitchell's main opposi-tion, Mr Robbie Blair, Conservative, and Mr Andrew De Freitas, Liberal, have expressed delight at the new status because both have been pressing for that kind of Freitas. Government assistance for a remember their promises at long time. Although neither election time", he said. "But has said as much, they would the people will know the Conhas said as much, they would obviously have preferred the announcement after April 28,

A fourth candidate, the etusive Mr Michael Stenton, an un-employed docker standing as a Socialist Worker, would also be likely to welcome the news, if one could catch him between can assing trips. He has upset a few people in the factory areas of Grimsby by sticking his election hills on "no parking " signs and according to one party worker has become known as "the phantom flyposter ".

The Conservatives, seeking to extract what benefit they can from the announcement, point out that the Humberside



Mr Mitchell: Needs all the

campaign for development area

status was started by a Tory-controlled Grimsby Borough Council, which had to relin-

council which had to reinfruish the fight with the re-organization of local authori-ties to the Labour-controlled Humberside County Council, which was left to pursue the cause on behalf of Humberside as a whole.

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the first to demand develop-

ment area status. The announ-

with the fishing issue for years while Grimsby and other fishing

communities have been run

now slow to point out the con-flict in the Government's rea-

soning which gives Grimsby, with an unemployment rate of

a little over 6 per cent, access to extra cash incentives and

still denies the same status to Bridlington, farther up the coast, which has an unemploy-

Mr Blair's supporters are



Mr Blair: "Voters realizing Tories are not ogres."



Mr De Freitas: Pleased with attendances at meetings.

ment rate of about 10 per cent. people on the doorstep are making it clear that "they don't know where the Govern-ment is going". He says: "For many of them it is a little too much to vote for the Tories, but there are a lot who are getting round to it and realiz-ing that the Tories are not the ogres their fathers said they were."

That, however, is not the experience of Mr Mitchell's followers, who are finding a "good response" to canvassers. They point with some at Skegness last Thursday in which the Labour candidate won a sear from the Tories on the Conservative-controlled servative Grimsby council was council. That, they clean, indi-cates a sympathetic response to cement shows just how far things have slipped in the past three years. This Labour Government has fiddled round

Even so, they say, if they are to win they will need good weather and sufficient cars to infirm" Labour voters. Mr Minchell has said be does not under-estimate the magnitude of the job he has to tackle, personal effort and and if sm counts for anything he is doing a workmanlike job.

The Liberels are tending to measure their popularity with the electorate by attendances

nent rate of about 10 per cent. at their public meetings. Big Mr Blair's experience is that Liberal names like David Steel and Cyril Smith have pulled in as many as 200 at a time, which in a town with an electorate of 66,000 is very good. Mr De Freiras is leader of Liberals on Grimsby Borough Council, and never having shrunk from adopting a political label he does not have

the difficulty of transformation to a political party that faces both local politicians who call themselves "Ratepayers, citizens and independents." His colours have been firmly nailed to the mast for the past 13 years, seven of them councillor, and he believes the people of Grimsby are in tune with community politics.

Like the Conservatives, the Liberals believe that the fourth candidate, Mr Stenton, will siphon off some votes from the Labour candidate, and as one Conservative party worker put it: "If he filches 500 votes from Mr Mitchell, who are we to complain?" Bearing in mind Mr Cros-land's narrow majority in 1959,

General election: C. A. R. Cros land (Lab) 21,657; K. C. Brown (C) 14,675; D. M. Rigby (L) 9,487; J. McElrea (Ind Democratic Lab) 166. Lab majority, 6,982. Voting: April 28

The local elections, 2: Campaigns for GLC launched

7 to 8 per cent swing is enough to carry the Conservatives home

Local Government

Correspondent Confident of the outcome, concerned on the issues, and apprehensive of the apathy of apprehensive of the apathy of sears against the Conservatives the electorate, the defending 33 and Liberals 2 (the first the Labour administration and the Liberals launched their campaigns yesterday for the Greater London Council elections on

The Conservative opposition, hich has the national electoral tide in its favour, will cast off for the final stages today.

In simple statistics, there are 92 seats to be contested, the same single-seat constituencies as provide MPs for Greater London. The final total of ing all seats, Liberals 91 (not North-east), National Front 91 (not Croydon, North-east), 24 Communists, 22 National Party, and 31 candidates for the party that seeks to abolish the GLC.

The official costs to the council are estimated at £710,000 for returning officers' fees, printing, and staff, compared with £265,000 in 1973. That gives some indication of rising costs in the past four years; and the total excludes the campaign costs of the candidates, which have also risen this year.

As the biggest local authority in Britain, which could take its place well up the league among nations of the world; using its budget of £2,000m as the criterion, the Greater London Council is the jewel in the local government crown, and the political parties constantly wish it to be theirs. Once it is, the sheer size of the organization and the criticism it engenders can almost become an embar-

Inner London, the former

London County Council area, is predominantly Labour in sup-port; outer London is the traditional ground of the Conservatives. In 1973 Labour had a victory better than it expected, and now it is defending its 57 party gained on the GLC. Sutton and Cheam and Rich-

mond). Realizing the feeling that the Conservatives are in a position to gain the GLC jewel this year, Reg Goodwin, Labour's leader, yesterday warned pessi-mists that his party did not accept that view.

The fact remains that since the GLC elections in 1973, Greater London has moved towards the Conservatives. In the general election of 1974 Conservatives won five candidates is 474, including seats which Labour won for Labour and Conservatives fight. the GLC: Carshalton; Croydon, North-west; Hendon, North Brentford and Isleworth; and Croydon, Central.

The Conservatives also hold in Parliament the two seats gained by the Liberals, which gives an added advantage and puts the Liberals under pressure to hold them.

A swing of 7 to 8 per cent to the Conservatives will be enough to gain them the 14 seats needed to carry Mr Horace Cutler into County Hall.

Adopting the national standpoint and seeing the present swing to the opposition at about 15 per cent, assuming that the 17 per cent Stechford turnabout was freakish, as Labour says, the result is in little doubt. Nothing is a foregone conclu-sion, but it should be noted that a swing of 5 per cent or less will give 10 seats to the

are: Hiord, North; Croydon, North west; Hendon, North; Hord, South; Brentford and Isle-worth: Croydon, Central; worth; Croydon, Central; Lewisham, West; Hampstead; and Ealing, North. The next four, giving the breakthrough, are Putney; Battersea, South; Richmond; and Woolwich,

Labour's point of view, would happen if the swing was 18 per cent. That would give the Labour heartland of inner London and with it control of the Inner London Education Authority to the Conservatives, who last achieved that landslide result in 1967.

That does seem unlikely, but the prospect of Conservative control is difficult to deny, in spite of Sir Reg's hopes. and Mrs Ruth Shaw, the Liberal campaign leader, both opened their campaigns expressing the fear that apathy would keep

voters away from the polls. That would not only affect their vote but also perhaps give more scope for the National Front candidates, who are confident of beating the Liberals into third place in 25 sears, of polling 100,000 votes and caus. ing general embarrassment from a platform which the main parties agree has little to do with local government,

The GLC abolitionists, led by Mr Oliver Stutchbury, a leading member of the council until his disillusioned departure, have managed to put 31 candidates into the field, and can be nothing but an embarracement. nothing but an embarrassment Among the Conservative candidates is the jolly leader of Kensington and Chelsea, Sir. Malby Crofton, a former member, who has also voiced his comion in recent years that the GLC ought to be abolished. He must have had a change of heart.

The Liberals are not having one of their better electoral periods, and they may have difficulty in holding their two seats. But if they can—and they say they will—they are looking for success to Enfield, North, where Dr Eric Ridge is source sain carmatening and its once again campaigning and to Orpington, although the Conservatives might have very dif-

The next 16 days will tell whether the parties can make their policies for London influ-ence the electorate, or whether the national mood will, as it is wont to do, carry the day.

Tomorrow: Scotland

Home Office rebuff for jail inquiry

By Peter Godfrey The Home Office has declined an invitation to take part in an independent inquiry into last summer's riot at Hull prison. Its own report on the disturbance is due to be pub-

In a letter to Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State at the Home Office, the chairman of the inquiry, Mr John Platts-Milis, QC, requested that prison officers involved in the incident should be allowed to must be in the interests of establishing the truth."

He also suggested that repre sentatives of the Home Office prison department might glean new information by attending the proceedings as observers. The inquiry, to take place from May 27 to 30, is being organized by Prop. the prisoners rights group.

Lord Harris's reply stated that "it would not be appro-priate for officers of the Home Office to take part."

The Home Office said last night that its official report on the Hull riot, conducted by Mr G. W. Fowler, Chief Inspector of Prisons, was expected to reach the Home Secretary in

Mr Platts-Mills said he was

lished next month.

the next few days and would be published within six weeks.

Mr Plans-Mills said he was disappointed by the Home Office reply. "Many prisoners have been too scared to give evidence to the Fowler inquiry because of possible repercussions for them", he said.

schools of any purposeful and enlightened work on planning

The report recommends that urgent consideration be given to finding out why the reading, speech and lip-reading attain-

ments of deaf school-leavers are so low.
It says: "Some thought and research must be given to the kind of jobs that require little communication but a high level

of intelligence. For instance, laboratory technicians, computer operators, telex operators, and design of various kinds." The Deaf School-leaver (The National Deaf Children's Society, 31 Gloucester Place, London, WIH 4EA, 30p).

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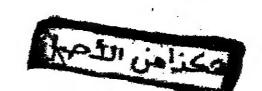
...years ahead

Exorcist vicar to | Police aim to buy airport hotel

Scotland Yard is negotiating to buy the 110-room Heathrow Ambassador Hotel to convert to a police hostel.

The police see the hotel at Colnbrook, three miles from the airport central area, as being in an ideal position for a section house for unattached officers in

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HOME NEWS.

Less waste and better value are themes of Treasury's campaign on public spending

A document produced by the Treasury's public services sector, the Waste and Value for Money Study, has been presented to Mr Barnett. Chief Secretary to the Treasury and minister with primary responsibility for public expenditure.
A copy has been sent to Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Ex-

chequer.

The appraisal does not include social security transfer payments or funds for the nationalized industries. Of an estimated total of £50,000m for public expenditure in 1978-79 (at 1976 survey prices), those account for about £22,000m.

Local authority spending absorbs a further £12,300m, the National Health Service £5,400m and defence £5,400m. The primary target of the Treesury's campaign is the £4,700m spent by the civil departments in Whitehall on goods and services.

report concludes thet for public spending in general, in the absence of the discipline

By Peter Hennessy

The Treasury has begun a and the severe squeeze on expenditure totals have proved most successful in securing value obtained from public cost-coosciousness.

Although slightly embar-Akthough slightly embarrassed by the underspending of
departmental budgets, which
its new system of financial
congrol produced last year, the
Treasury has concluded that it
enables the macro and micro
economic objectives of the
Government to march hand in

of all new projects involving expenditure is judged to be a vital weapon in the drive for economy. Policy reviews, both the formal exercises of the programme analysis and review system and the less cumber-some appraisals now favoured by the Treasury, are a further element in the reduction of waste singled out by the

The critical body for the execution of all the elements is the public expenditure survey committee, an inter-departmen-tal group of civil servants of which Mr John Anson, a Treasury deputy secretary, is chair-

able to the waste enterprise is the continued determination of miolistrs to keep to agreed spending levels, and in pardic-plar to a high degree of self-discipline in the use of the contingency reserve.

The Treasury will encourage the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Expenditure to undertake value for money investigations on behalf of Parliament. In particular, the Treasury would welcome an extension of the work carried out by the Exchequer and Audit Department on behalf of the Public Accounts Committee.

The Government is expected to seek the assistance of the Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Expenditure in furthering its efficiency and economy aims.

The Treasury's value for money project arose from a selfexamination begun last autumn by the public services sector. Having achieved its task of controlling overall spending levels, its officials decided that further dimension Was.

Clubs' open house plan to beat rowdies

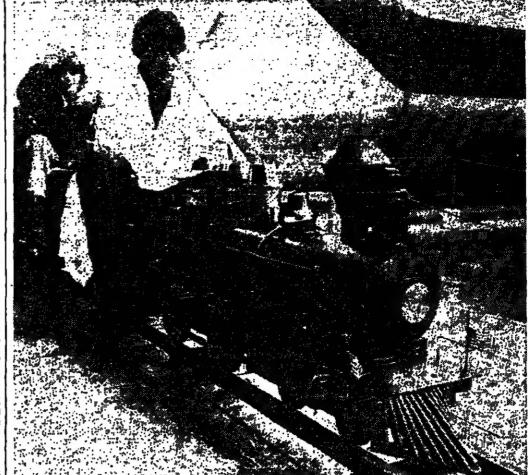
Scotland's two biggest foot-ball clubs are to take part in an experiment on Sunday in an attempt to combat football hooliganism and bring back the crowds. The Glasgow grounds of Rangers and Celtic will be opened for "a family day" at which young enthusiasts and their parents will come to meet first-team members and watch various events.

If numbers permit, spectators will be allowed to see training facilities, dressing rooms and trophy rooms.

The experiment was announced in Glasgow yesterday by Mr McElhone, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office with responsibility for sport, who is chairman of the working party on crowd behaviour at football matches in Scotland. He said the working party's report would be available. party's report would be avail-able before the start of the next football season.

The recommendations would contain the strongest measures yet to bear hooliganism and the puritive and educational.
On Sunday Glasgow Rangers will play against a youth club team and Celtic will meet a schoolboy side.

for people to go to matches,



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Railway history: A replica of an early American "Puffing Billy" stealing some of the limelight from the prototype of the Advanced Passenger. Train at the National Railway Museum, York.

The authracite-powered model, built five years ago by boys of Leeds Gramma children rades to raise money for Orphanage at Derby.

824 doctors consider going abroad

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Since the free movement of doctors within the European

Economic Community was announced last December the General Medical Council has received 824 inquiries from British graduates and 402 from Continental doctors.

The council has issued 91 specialist certificates, indicating firm decisions to take posts in other EEC countries, to British applicants. Because of controversy over

the necessity for doctors from

ledge of English to practise here, the GMC is awaiting the Order in Council giving full implementation to the EEC medical directives before registering any applicants.

Registration of Continental doctors-wishing-to work in-Britain will begin the day after the Order in Council is signed. That, I understand, may not be until the end of May.

Continental doctors whose fluency in English is accepted will qualify for full registra-tion immediately. The GMC is expected to decide next month

on acceptable standards English

Doctors who do not meet the requirement will be registered for six months only, and hospital authorities will be told why a limit has been placed on the registration. Language tests will be held monthly at several registration.

Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, is compaigning to stop the imple-mentation of the EEC direc-tive. The Government, he says, has been timid in agreeing to register doctors even if they cannot speak English.

In brief

Football match bus cuts

Ten bus services in west London are likely to be curtailed romorrow between 6 pm and 10 pm because crews have said they will not operate buses near the Shepherd's Bush ground where Queen's Park Rangers Football club are playing Manchester United.

As a result no buses will ruth on the following sections of route:

on the following sections of route:
7 (Ledbroke Grove-Acton); 12 (Notting Hill Gate-North Acton); 88 (Notting Hill Gate-North Acton); 88 (Notting Hill Gate-Acton Green); 105 (Perivale-Shepherd's Bush); 117 (Turnham Green-Shepherd's Bush); 207 (Acton Vale-Shepherd's Bush); 220 (Hammersmith-Harlesden); 256 (Acton Vale-Hammersmith); 298 (Hammersmith-Labroke Grove).

Father cut lock off girl's hair

Laurence Stokes, aged 3%, who, "driven by love for his children", cut off a lock of his daughter's hair, was granted a two-year conditional discharge by magistrates at Solinul, West Midlands, yesterday on a charge of assaulting her.

Mr Stokes, a tari driver, of Auckland Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, who is estranged from his wife, had been remanded for a month for probation reports.

Stowaways back

Two boys who vanished from their homes in Kirkholt, Rochdate, Greater Manchester, a week ago and were later found in a ship bound for Germany arrived back in England from Hamburg yesterday.

A push for charity

More than a hundred busmen in Northampton working in relays pushed a single-deck bus for 28 hours around Billing aquadrome at the weekend in raise £1,000 for a kidney machine.

Hang glider record

Mr Mark Southell, aged 29, claimed a British cross-country trang glider record yesterday after a 12-mile glide to Aber-gavenay, South Wales. The pre-vious record was seven miles.

Satellites challenged by Football hooliganism fines new cable-laying ship useless, magistrate says Mr Kenneth Harington, pre-siding at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, said that proposed heavy fines for football hooli-gaus were useless. He sent two Chelsea supporters to a detention centre for three

From Pearce Wright Science Editor, Immingham

The notion that submarine telecommunication cables have been made obsolete by the space satellite was demolished at Immingham, Humberside, when Princess Alexander named Cable Venture, a new ship which can lay telephone circuits between countries more readily than the same provision can be made by a space relay station.

Nevertheless the which was bought for £3m by Cable and Wireless for the

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munications system for very of 2,000 miles or more the vessel can lay or locate a cable within one ship's length by using the satellite navigation

The ship, which is a modernization of the Neptune cable vessel, has been designed for the first time to lay a com-plete transatlantic cable in one operation. The new generation of sub-marine cables for which this vessel has been designed will

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prisonment take 15,000 circuits, or about double all communication links

useless because they obviously cannot pay them," Mr Harington said. "The only answer to this sort of football hooliganism is attendance centre on Saturday afternoons or impressment."

He added: " One has simply that exist across the Atlantic. got to be tough to protect

for people to go to matches.

Anthony Austin, aged 17, a labourer, of Mill Street, Eltham, admitted threatening behaviour during the Chelsea and Nottingham Forest match at Stamford, Bridge on Saturday, and Stephen Nicholson, aged 17, a train driver's assistant, of Falmond Road, Lower Whirley, Reading, admitted using insulting words. "It seems to me that fines of £1,000 will be completely ing words. Glynn Payne, aged 19, apprentice stonemason, of Northborough Road, Norbury, London, admitted threatening behaviour and was ordered to do 12 hours at an attendance centre on Saturday afternoons.

other Community countries to

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Retirement haven too often becomes trap for the elderly:

It is not surprising that so many people, once they have collected their gold watches and pension cards, retire to lifracombe, on the north Devon coast. It is warm, pleasant, with an unhurried 1930s feel, and with relatively cheap houses. So in the sareets you houses. So in the streets you can see plenty of white heads, walking sticks and cars with "disabled" stickers.

greyer surroundings of their former homes in the Midlands,

the North and London.

Some are happy enough: the Ilfracombe they first saw as honeymooners and holiday-makers really is the place in the sun they dreamt of. But for others the ticket to Ilfra-

What often happens is that husbands die within a year or two of retirement and wives are left without the partners are left without the partners who were also chauffeurs. They are stranded, far from family, friends and roots, trapped by failing health, loneliness and, the factor they overlooked before they moved, the steep hills of Ilfracombe, which often prove too much for old lees. for old legs, Like many seaside towns

with large retired populations, Ilfracombe has its difficulties. social and health services. It is true that some resorts on the South Coast of England have larger proportions of old people than Ilfracombe, but they are flatter, more compact, better served by public transport and less remote. They tend, too, to have developed gradually and ever a long period as retirement centres. Ilfracombe's popularity in that respect is fairly recent.

A recent survey among

A recent survey among elderly people in liftracombe, conducted by the North Devon Community action group, noted: "Health and social services are extended to the limit in trying to meet the needs of the elderly."

needs of the elderly.

"The disadvantage of living in such a billy town when one is over 65 must outweigh the advantage of a view. But interest in the service of the servi grants continue to retire here in large numbers; and some housing estates contain a high proportion of elderly people, many virtually prisoners in their own homes because of their inability to climb hills."

their inability to climb hills."

The action group says there have been grumbles from some hoteliers that such a report does lifracombe no good. But Mr Derrick Hancock, a county councillor who is chairman of the social services committee for the area, said: "We are not telling people they should not come here. Ilfracombe's attractions are obvious. But we want to impress on people that want to impress on people that they should think carefully before moving.

Seaside retirement may

Regional report

Trevor Fishlock Hiracombe -

seem ideal, but in Ilfracombe, A third of Ilfracombe's seem ideal, but in Ilfracombe, when a husband dies, a widow 10,000 people are pensioners, is often left isolated on a hill. side. Dr Anthony Bray, a G

the local health centre, said; Hiracombe through the of the town.

strangers, and in our surgery we see many patients suffering from anxiety and depression and other complaints that

"I think more attention should be given to educating and advising people about retirement, especially in industrial areas where seaside retirement looks so attractive. The most important advice is that people should not cut themselves off from friends and relatives without good reason."

con."

The new bungalow estates where many of Ilfracombets retired people live, are pleasant and quiet. A two-bedroom bungalow can still be bought for less than £10,000, and many pensioners are clearly happy with their lot. Some who cannot get about easily have friends, neighbours and social workers calling on them fairly ire-quently.

guently.

But others, disabled and alone, regret their move to lifracombe. They are desperticely lonely and long for the visits of social workers and home helps. The survey by Community Action noted that, of 585 people interviewed, 374 see a friend or relative every day, but 21 see someone less than once a month.

than once amonth.

The view of doctors, social workers and the Community Action group is that a day centre for retired people is urgently needed to supplement the clubs run by churches and voluntary groups. The centre would have to be served by a mini-bus. There is also a call for expansion of the meals on wheels and home help services.

wheels and home help services: Essentially, the measures recommended would mitigate the loneliness and isolation of old. people on lifracombe's hills. A day centre might tost £40,000, and it would be difficult to find the money for it is line at fifteen and fire resident and the state of fire the state of fire resident and fire in times of financial stringency.
But to doctors and social
workers it would be an invest
ment, a money-saving preven tive medicine that would improve morale and reduce the illnesses that derive from lone liness.

British Airways broke rabies law

university research laboratory cost British Airways a £400 fine-with £50 costs, at Uxbridge Magistrates Court, Middlesex,

yesterday.

The airline admitted breaking the rabies law by landing the live mice at Heathrow air-port, London, without a licence

Four years for arson attempt Thomas McCue, aged 22,

assistant manager, who was said to have tried to set fire to his hotel, the Great Red Lion, at St Albans, Hertfordshire, was sentenced at St Albans Crown Court yesterday, to four years' imprisonment.

Mr McCue, of Barnfield Road, St Albans had been consisted St Albans, had been convicted at an earlier hearing attempted arson.

Last-ditch

halt Spanish

Communists

to the dictator's system.

Coinciding with the presents

Members of the Cabinet directors general at the various

their election lists, and count-less posters, pasted every-where, call for votes for many of the nearly 200 legally recog-nized parties and some of those which are still illegal.

The law also provides that the campaign must end by midnight on June 13; allowing voters a day to make up their minds without the din of pub-licity.

licity.
The last democratic general

election was in February, 1936.

Danish Premier

printing peace

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, April 18
Mr Anker Joergensen, the
Danish Prime Minister, today
urged the management and the

dismissed printing staff of the Berlingske Tidende to make an energetic effort to allow the newspaper to resume publication. It has not appeared

since January 30 and the dis-

pute spread on April 1 to prac-tically all Danish newspapers.

he had discerned a will to

solve their differences. Some solution should be possible

"before very long, though not in the next day or two."

After meeting both sides

appeals for

From Our Correspondent Madrid, April 18 The conservative p

munists.

move to

From David Cross
Brussels, April 18
Mr Timdemans, the outgoing
Belgian Prime Minister, today. appeared set to head a new coaktoon Government after substantial gains by his centra-right party, in yesterday's gen-

The Social Christian Party, whose main campaign slogan was "Tindemans more than ever", was particularly successful in Flanders, where it has been traditionally, the most popular party. It also held its ground well in Belgium's two other main regions, French-speaking Wallomia and Brus-

With a handful of results still to come, the main opposi-tion party, the Socialists, regis-tered modest gains in some in-dustrial parts of Walkons, and held their ground in Flanders, but suffered Josses in the Brusels area. The principal victors in the capital were once again the French language federalist party, the Front Democratique des Francophones, which cam-paigns for improved rights for the predominantly French-speaking population in Brus-

The main loser in the election, the eleventh since the end of the Second World War, was the small French-language federalist party in Wallonia, federalist party in Wallonia, the Rassemblement Wallon. The sharp decline in its popularity had been expected after a split in its ranks last year. Conservative members of the party defected to join forces with the French-language wing of the Liberal Party which, as a persist also registered gains. a result, also registered gains.
The Rassemblement Wallon was the smallest party in the outgoing three-party coalition, which also included the

Mothers seek

East Germans

children held by

From Our Correspondent Berlin, April 18 Frau Gabriele Yonan, speak

ing for five couples who applied in vain to be reunited with their children held back

in East Germany, voiced com-plaints about the West German

Discussing a recent letter

from the group to President Carter and other letters to the

Western ailies and the Soviet

The members of the group, after being refused permission to leave East Germany, had

authorities today.



Liberals. It brought about yes-terday's election by refusing to support its coalition partners in a budget vote last month. The Flemish federalist party, the Volksunie, also suffered a setback, together with the Flemish wing of the Liberal Party. The Communists held their ground in Wallonia, but a host of other smaller parties, including environmental and faminist ing environmental and feminist groups, made a particularly poor showing.

Most political commentators see the result as a vote of confidence in the way Mr Tindemans has been running the country, in spite of some un-

A few weeks ago the Govern ment increased value added taxes on a whole range of pro-ducts, including tobacco, ducts, including tobacco, petrol, alcohol and hotel and restaurant charges. The trade unions were also irritated by the Government's failure to

reduce unemployment, which now stands at a record 9 per

largescale defections from the federalist parties, particularly in Wallonia are interpreted generally as a sign of the general public's imparience with fringe groups. Although public opinion is certainly in favour of greater devolution to the country's two main linguis-tic groups, it feels apparently, that this is more likely to be achieved by the big traditional parties than by the less in-fluential federalist groups.

Mr Tindemans has been

careful not to draw too many conclusions from the results so as not to jeopardize the inevitably delicate negotiations that will lead to the formation of a new government. He tota journalists, however, that he would be happy to undertake the task of piecing together a new coalition if the opportunity presented itself.

Theoretically, the Social Christians and the Liberals could continue to govern, as they now have a small majority of seats in the lower House. The general expectation is, however, that Mr Tindemans will seek to form a grand grand the socialists to coalition with the Socialists to minimize opposition from the trade unions over any future austerity measures.

Provisional results for the Chamber of Deputies, compared election were: Social Christians

Front Democratique Rassemblement Wallon

The conservative popular alliance, led by Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, a former Interior Minister, made a last ditch effort today to keep the Spanish Committee Party for the Spanish Communist Party from taking part in the coming elec-tion. It submitted a request from more than 100 members of the outgoing Cortes for a plenary session to discuss the recent legalization of the Com-By law the Cortes is obliged to meet in plenary session at least four times in the life of each Parliament and whenever the president calls such a session "either on his own initiative or at the petition of 100 The perition—delivered less than a week after Spain's gen-erals gave a clear warning to the Government in writing that they consider the legalization of the Communists "repulsive"—put the Government in the position of having to defend the arch-enemies of Franco against those still loyal

Coinciding with the presenta-tion of the petition in the Cortes by 114 members, the official state bulletin today published the text of the prom-ised royal decree which sets Spain's first democratic elec-tion for 41 years for June 15. A huge tower building nearing completion in directors-general at the various ministries, and a number of other senior officials must resign within the next eight days to be eligible to stand.

According to the terms of a royal decree published last month, the campaign does not begin until three weeks before the date chosen for the poll. But already candidates are barnstorming the country, many parties have published their election lists, and countless posters, pasted every Lyons. At 575 feet, almost the same height as the Post Office tower in London, it will house an hotel and a bank.

Hail of party criticism as Dr Soares goes abroad

Lisbon, April 18 A strong political enslaught upon the Portuguese Socialist Government has accompanied the westend departure of Dr Marin Soares, one Prime Minis-per for Hodland and the United

In Holland he attended the meeting of international socia-list leaders. While in the United States he is to meet President Carter and Mr Vance, the Secretary of State.

authorities in Berlin, Fran Yonan said that the group had to seek help from abroad as none had been forthcoming from the German authorities. Among the problems which he is expected to discuss are the prospect of a \$1,500m load to Portugal by an international consortium of countries, which President Carter is sponsoring. Another problem is the future tried to escape, were caught and imprisoned. When released, they were sent to West Bersin or West Germany of the expiring agreement on the use by the United States Air Force of Lajes airbase in The seven children, eged be-tween four and 12, had been given other homes when their the Azores.

Youan has been trying to recover her child since 1969. Another mother gave birth to a second child in prison. It president of the Christian Democratic Party has sent Dr Soares a list of 65 searching

him to state his Government's attitude to these issues: France's reticence over Portugal's membership of the EEC; Portugal's relations with her Portugal's relations with her former colonies; protection of citizens in the growing crime wave; completion of the Government's economic plan for 1977; results of the devaluation of the escudo in February; Government industrial policy; and the increase in the cost of living.

The Social Democratic Party also attacked the Government

also attacked the Government during a weekend meeting of its national council in the northern city of Braga. It crit-icized what it called the Socialist "centralism" policy, claim-ing that local authorities were given funds to operate

The strongest attack came from the Communist leader, Dr Alvaro Cunhal. Speaking at a rally of Communist youth, he unleashing an odious offen-sive against the workers of the Soares a list of 65 searching cities and the fields, and try-questions, demanding an ing to liquidate reforms that urgent answer. They require had been achieved.

M Marchais drops party objection to EEC poll

Paris, April 18.

Support for the passing by the National Assembly of the Bill on direct elections to the European Parliament has come European Parliament has come from an unexpected quarter. M. Georges Marcheis, the secretary general of the Communist Party, said in a broadcast last night that his party "might contemplate" voting for the Bill on condition that it included a "solemn and binding" undertaking that the European Parliament did not exceed its present competence.

exceed its present competence. This concession, however tentative is a spectacular adjustment in the party's attiadjustment in the party's atti-tude. The prospect of a split with their Socialist ailies, who favour direct elections and will vote for the Bill, provided the terms are right, has undown-tedly played a part in the evo-lution of the Communists' thinking on this issue. Until now, the Communists had been unconditionally opposed to the elections, saying that they would undermine national

the left coming to power, and the need for a left-wing government to deal with the partners of France in the Community, must have also affected the party's thinking on Europe.

The Gaullists, on the other hand, under pressure from their diehard faction led by M Michel Debré, have stiffened their line on direct elections. M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, has recently told the Anglo-American Press Association that his movement will approximate the issue. not split on the issue.

Stockholm, April 18.—Mr Carl Persson, head of the Swedish national police, dis-

closed new details roday of a

plan to kidnap a former woman Cabinet minister and hold her

nostage in an alleged terrorist

plot.

The plan to kidnap the former Minister of Immigration, Mrs Anna-Gretz Leijon, was found in a note pad seized in a flat here occupied by Herr Norbert Kröcher, the West German suspected leader of the plot Mr Persson said at a press

plot, Mr Persson said at a press

The plan included demands that eight unidentified prisoners be released, a large ransom paid and the terrorists flown

out of the country, Mr Persson

Herr Kröcher and another

West German alleged terrorist,

Herr Manfred Adomeit, were extradited to West Germany on

April 3, two days after they and

more than 20 other foreigners

and Swedes were arrested in various parts of Sweden.

Four other people were ex-pelled for alleged involvement

ment should be limited strictly to those laid down in the Rome treaty. They want guarantees that direct elections will be held at the same time in ell countries of the Community; that there is no regional voting system, and that the conditions for convening the European Parliament are clearly said down.

M Marchais, for his part, emphasized today that the vot-ing system for elections to the European Parliament, whether proportional or otherwise, was Party. What the party utterly rejected was the possibility that the European Parliament might confer upon itself "powers and prerogatives in complete contradiction to the Rome treaty"

of the Paris summit of December 1974 which stipulated that "the competence of the Assembly will be extended, notably in the legislative prowould indermine national distribution of the Communities."

The increasing prospects of M Pierre Maurois, the the left coming to power, and deputy leader of the Socialist Party, welcomed the easing of the Communist stand. He the emphasized that his party was no more anxious than the Communists to see the European Parliament turn itself into a sovereign constituent assem-

bly whose ambition would be to set up a superstate on the ruins of our nations."

This suggests that the consequence of the Communist move wil be to persuade the Socialists to insist on the same conditions for support of the Bill in order to consolidate the image of the unity of the left. image of the unity of the left, in the face of the disagreement

in the plot on Saturday. Two Mexican men and a Chilean woman were flown to Cuba and a Briton was Clima to Cuba and

a Briton was flown to England,

where he was released without charges after an hour's inter-rogation at Heathrow airport.

bian man are still in jail await-

ing a Cabinet decision on a for-

mal demand from the National

Police Board that they be ex-pelled.

identify them.

Mr Persson said he refused to

A young Swedish girl was charged last week with receiving stolen goods and faces other, secret charges. A prosecutor demanded that eight other Swedes be arraigned on unre-

Mr Persson called the press

conference today to counter

growing protests here against the last expulsions. Groups

opposing the measure had urged

the authorities to either make public all evidence against the

Latin Americans and the Briton

or let them face trial before a

vealed charges today.

A Greek woman and a Colom-

The Gaultists insist, together with the Commonists, that the powers of the European Parlia-

Woman ex-minister was

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He reproached President Giscard d'Estaing with quoting partially the final declaration Union (ILWU).

bly whose ambition would be

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Timely US reminder

by Mr Jenkins on fuel needs in Europe

Washington, April 18

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Europe's dependence on fuel supplies from overseas was peing emphasized to President Carter today by Mr Roy Jenkins, president of the EEC The main purpose of Mr

Jenkins's visit is to prepare the ground for the industrial democracies summit in London on May 7, which Mr Carter is to attend. But coming only hours before the President was to launch his energy conserva-tion programme in a television critical subject of fuel.

renunciation of plutonium and fuel processing in nuclear power, strong intercession by the nuclear allies stopped the President making a public appeal to them to make the ne renunciation. One of Mr Jenkins's intentions today was Chicago and New York before to remind Mr Carter that the returning to Europe on Friday.

From Our Own Correspondent leading European nations
Washington, April 18 should not be made even more dependent on oil imports.

Mr Jenkins, according to his spokesman, also intended discussing the multilateral trade negotiations. And he could hardly avoid a discussion of protectionist demands raining down on Mr Carter for restrictions on cheap imports of a variety of goods.

He was also meeting Mr Robert Strauss, the President's ... special representative for trage. At a later meeting with Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, Mr Jenkins was discussbroadcast, the moment was ing enlargement of the EEC—timely for Mr Jenkins to put especially the question of Europe's point of view on the Portugal's admission—and the proposed massive American aid programme.

In talks with Mr Blumenthal, the Treasury Secretary, he was hoping to be reassured that the American economy is recovering as well as the Administration claimed last week.

Mr Jenkins is also to visit Chicago and New York before

American budget course for visiting MPs

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 18

How to find out why \$10,000m gets unspent, and then to try to spend it, is among the first American lessons today for visiting British MPs.

Members of the Commons general subcommittee of the English (Nottingham West.

committee on expenditure are here for a week to see how the American Executive and Congress handle the budget, and how they plan to reorganize the federal bureaucracy. The \$10,000m by which

American expenditure has fallen short of budgeted amounts this year is one of the big mysteries being confronted at the Office of Management and Budget Spending less than budgeted emounts is a drag on the economy. It first happened last year and Presi-dent Ford's men said it repar-

ded recovery and helped lose them the election. The gap between budget and spending has continued this

unionists refused American visas From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, April 18 The State Department has refused to give visas to three members of the Soviet Dockers' Union who had been invited to attend the annual convention of the International Longshore-men's and Warehousemen's

the American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), whose strongly anti-communist leader. Mr George Meany, has succeeded in keeping Soviet trade unionists out of the country for

This will be the last annual convention of the ILWU under the presidency of Mr Harry Bridges, who founded the union 40 years ago. He was born in Australia and is probably the most left-wing of important

allowed into the United States without special waivers to the law. Most foreign communists get the waivers easily enough, but trade union leaders never reduces the intended stimulus to the economy. President Carter's staff want to identify the gap and then close it during the rest of the year, providing an unexpected stimulus.

The MPs, led by Mr Michael English (Nottingham West, Lebour) are to meet economics to the property of the pr mists outside government as well as in it. This includes "think ranks." like the Brook-

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ings Institution, and the American Enterprise Institute. duties extend to economic pre-diction, they are to meet the staff of the President's Coun-cil of Economic Advisers, the Treasury, and the Federal Reserve Bank. They will also meet experts from the full range of congressional bodie,, including the new congressional budget office, the House of Representatives budget committee, the joint economic com-mittee and the General Accounting Office.

Catholics want law repealed in South Korea

Seoul, April 18.—A Roman Catholic declaration in South Korea roday demanded the repeal of the 1972 Constitution and a 1975 presidential decree, because the two documents are for the benefit of a few in

The Catholic declaration was read and applauded at a special Mass attended by about 700 people on the eve of the The union, which represents the dockers of the American rising led by students in 1960 which overthrew the autocratic which overthrew the autocratic government of the late President Syngman Rhee. The declaration was signed by the National Council of Catholic Priests for the Realization of

Execution put off in Arizona

Washington, April 18.-The Supreme Court today postponed the execution, due on Wednes-day, of Willie Lee Richmond. convicted of murder in Arizona. The court ordered Arizona officials to keep Mr Richmond alive until it receives and reviews his formal appeal. His lawyer intends to challenge Arizona's death-penalty law.-

British art centre opens in New Haven today

New York, April 18 The Yale Centre for British Art, an important collection of

paintings, prints, drawings, water colours and rare books, is to open in New Haven, Connecticut, tomorrow after years of preparation. It is thought to be the largest collection of its kind outside Britain.

The centre is the creation of Mr Paul Mellon, of the banking family. His view is that British art is often insufficiently appreciated. ciated. His intention is to arouse interest in it through the setting up of this lavishly appointed centre, which will also promote research and studies. The building itself is a

modern, functional design by Lewis Kahn, one of the leading American architects of recent years, who died not long ago. The collection includes works by most of the best known British painters — including Gains-borough, Reynolds, Hogarth, Constable, Turner and Stubbs as well as works by others painted in England, including Van Dyck, Rubens and Cana-

There are altogether some 1,800 paintings, 5,000 prints,

7.000 drawings and water colours and 20,000 rare books. The centre, and the Kahn building, have been warmly praised by critics. Mr John Russell wrote in The New York Times that it was "the finest collection of British art that ever was formed by a private ever was formed by a private ever was formed by a private individual.".

It would change Americans riews of British art, he said.

"If you think that British art is a matter of being glared at by full-length portraits of other people's ancestors, this is the place to undeceive yourself."

Mr Douglas Davis wrote in Newsweek: "A cursory glance reaffirms what one has always thought about British out that thought about British art—that it is essentially good-natured, settled in its view of life and infectiously genteel. . . .

"But look closer: there is more to both the paintings and the building than first meets the eye, Here and there are signs of the demonic energy that created English Romantic ism-in the fantastic visious of William Blake; the late, swirling abstractions of Turner, and the nightmare images of Henry Fuseli. Most striking of all are two huge, powerful canvases by the surprising George Stubbs."

Airport blamed for near miss

Johannesburg, April 18.—Air traffic control at Johannesburg airport was officially blamed today for an incident last Friday in which a Boeing of the Australian airline Control Australian airline Qantas narrowly escaped colliding with a South African airliner. Officials at the airport have formally apologized to the Australian airline, which was blamed at first when the South African airliner making a landing had to overfly the runway at the last moment.—Agence

Greece mobilizes striking teachers Athens, April 18 .- The Greek Government ordered today the

and the mobilization of their teachers, who had been on strike for the past 41 days. The strike, involving 6,500 teachers, was in support of a demand that their employment should be on a permanent basis, not, as hitherto, on a sixyear contract. Their demand has been rejected by the Special Administrative Tribunal.

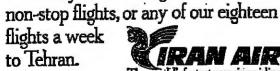
requisitioning of private schools

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PARLIAMENT, April 18, 1977___ New EEC rules likely for car seat belts

A Socialist Group suggestion for the establishment of a central sys-tem containing the addresses of all

motor vehicle owners in the Com-munity was turned down by the Commission, Herr Horst Seeleld (West Ger, many, Soc) said in a short debate that in recent months buyers had been increasingly disturbed by the been increasingly disturbed by the growing number of manufacturing defects in motor vehicles. Car owners had been informed of defects in company notices of only a few lines and it was left to the newspapers to publish the facts.

agree that the car owner was not being adequately informed on manufacturing faults, that drivers should be told quickly and fully of the danger of using defective vehicles and that manufacturers should be obliged to report faults through the mass media. He urged a system of centralized records on the lines used in the United States. He asked whether the Compission the Commission was pressing ahead with harmonization of safety stan-

dards for motor vehicle construc-tion and suggested an extension of those standards to saftey belts which at present had to be worn at different times on public roads in most member states. Mr Richard Burke, Commissioner for Transport, said that while faults had been noted, manufacturers had used all appropriate means to inform consumers, their own lists of customers, newspapers, radio, and television, to alert their customers to the risks involved. necessary to oblige manufacturers to use the mass media.

containing information of a pri-vate nature. Lists of motor vehicles already existed in member vehicles already existed in member states and the suggestion would not improve the position.

The proposal for a directive about seat belts to which the Parliament had already given a favourable opinion had been before the Council of Ministers for some time and latest indications were that it would be approved soon. The proposal on head rests would be published soon but a proposal for laminated windscreens had run into serious opposition from several member states. several member states.

Mrs Gwneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab) said she was delighted that the Commission had said firmly that a centralized data bank was neither workable nor desirable. There were considerable doubts in Britain about the wisdom of con-There were considerable doubts in Britain about the wisdom of continually expanding data banks with information of this kind.

Each member state was capable of tracing individual motorists quickly and police forces were capable of using the information responsibly and effectively.

She hoped the Commission would not produce a directive repeating research which had been going on for many years in member states. Motor manufacturers had an interest in live motorists had an interest in live motorists— their customers. Her constituency contained three motor factories and she was impressed with the

standard of research and road safety they tried to attain.

I hope the commission (she said) will make efforts to investi-gate the relationship between alcohol and deaths because if speed kills, speed and alcohol combined kill more quickly. Road It was desirable that consumers be safety depends not only on told as quickly as possible but the commission did not consider it on the basic training we should not consider and the basic training we should

all be giving to our children and occasionally to our adult colleagues.
The debate was concluded.

Tributes to Sir Peter Kirk

The April session of the Parlia-ment opened with a tribute to Sir Peter Kirk, leader of the Con-servative Group sine Britain servative Group since Britain entered the EEC more than four

The Community generally was opposed to the use of data banks

The tributes were opened by Signor Emillo Colombo (Italy, C-D) who said that Sir Peter's death, especially at so early an age, was an irreparable loss, not only to his group, but also to his party and his country. Members of the Parliament kept

silence for a minute in tribute. For the Commission, Mr Richard

pean affairs, first in the Council of Europe and later at the Parliament. Many of the procedural changes in the Parliament were a memorial to his passionate concern in the

past few years.
Lord Reay (C), on behalf of the
Conservative Group, said he and
his colleagues had been fortunate
in being led for four years by
someone of so much wisdom and
courage and with so much political
skill and feeling.
His belief in Europe (he said)
was inwavering and he never Burke of Ireland, Commissioner was unwavering and he never for fiscal policy said that in a ceased in his unwavering desire brief acquaintance the Commission for a federal Europe.

Strikers expelled from car plant by riot police Paris, April 18.—Riot police today expelled striking workers from the General Motors com-

ponents factory at Geonevil-liers, north of Paris, which they have occupied for more than two weeks.

The plant, which supplies electrical parts for Opel car assembly factories in West Germany and Belgium, and the Bedford lorry factory in Britain. has been paralysed since March

The 3,500 work force walked out then to back claims for higher wages, a shorter working conditions and letter working conditions and longer holidays.

The General Motors management appealed for a return to work.-Reuter.

UN pay scales under investigation From Our Correspondent Geneva, April 18

possible expulsion.-AP.

The International Civil Service Commission, a United Nations watchdog body set up by the 1975 General Assembly, has launched an investigation of job descriptions and pay scales of cherical and miscellaneous staff employed by the world organization.

By bringing the lowest net remuneration of a junior messenger or assistant gardener to almost 30,000 Swiss francs (about £6,900), this raised many diplomatic, and hence governmental, eye-brows. Bur these figures alone are deceptive; the cost of liv-ing here is high.

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India cites two British sources to justify dissolving assemblies

Mr Charan Singh, India's Home Minister, told 2 press conference here today that the Government was asking the chief ministers of nine states to dissolve their state assemblies and hold fresh elections.

In the affected states— Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Fradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal—the Congress Party was routed in the recent parliamentary elec-

Mr Singh said that there was
"a climate of uncertainty" in
these states which created a
ense of diffidence in the Administration.

The southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have been left our because the Janata Party, now in power in Delhi, was defeated there. However, Tamil Nadu, which is under federal rule, will go to the polls like the other state

Mr Singh quoted two nine-twenth-century British constitutyenth-century British constitu-tional authorities to support the dissolution of state assemblies. Professor A. V. Dicey, accord-ing to Mr Singh, had said that where there was "fair reason in suppose that the opinion of ing to Mr Singh, had said that where there was "fair reason to suppose that the opinion of the electors", an appeal from the legal to the political covereign would be obligatory. Lord Halsbury, he added, had cointed out that "even where into other fields.

Mr Jaganmohan Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge, is to investigate the activities of Mr Bansi Lal, the former Defence Minister. Meanwhile, the Government has impounded the passports of Mr Gandhi and Mr Lal.

the ministry still retains the confidence of the House of Commons, but the Crown has reason to believe that the House no longer represents the sense of the electorate, the dis-missal of the ministry or the dissolution of the Parliament

would be constitutional?.

Sources close to the Election Commission say that the polls will be held either at the end of June or at the beginning of July. The Home Minister also an-

nounced the names of the men who are to head the inquiry commissions into the activities of Mrs Gandhi's Government.
Mr J. C. Shah, the former Chief Justice of India, is to investigate "the excesses, maipractices and abuse of
authority" during the emergency. According to his brief,
he will pinpoint the responsibility and assess the complicity of even "the highest political

authority".
Mr H. R. Khanna, a former Supreme Court judge, will in-quire into the affairs of Maruti, the firm established by Mr Sanjay Gandhi, Mrs Gandhi's son, six years ago to manufac-ture a low-price people's car. The firm later branched out into other fields.

Pakistan opposition urges President to intervene

ahore, April 18

The opposition "National Alliance today deepened Pakistun's political crisis by calling directly on President Chaudhry to take a hand in ending the

The Opposition also rejected a compromise package offered by Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, over the weekend.

After a meeting here of the Alliance's general council, leaders invoked Opposition what they called "implied residual powers" in urging the President to set up some kind of interim caretaker administration to hold fresh national elections after the Prime

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Minister had resigned. The call, far from offering a way out, seemed to be taking marters into a constitutional cloud suckee land. Not only did Mr Bhutto refuse to resign yesterday, citing the Constitu-tion which appears to rule out presidential initiatives, but President Chaudhry, who is a sick man, has already publicly himself to resolve the crisis.

This he did earlier this month in a letter to the Oppostion in which he backed the Prime Minister, in whose shadow he has always stood. His advice to the Opposition was to respond to Mr Bhutto's offer to resolve the disputed March 7 general election

Asked by baffled foreign correspondents to explain how he thought the President could act, Mr Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, the acting chairman of

From John Darnton Juffure, The Gambia, April 18

of seven generations ago was captured into slavery in 1767.

Mr Haley was given a rium-phal welcome. The dusty paths-leading to Juffure were crowded with residents from miles around, clapping and dancing as Mr Haley, dressed in a can safari suit and perspir-

ing profusely under a black unbreila held by a villager to shield him from the sun, moved slowly through the

What's your name? he asked

what's your name? he asked a 15-year-old gird, one of the first he saw. "Kinte", she replied shyly. He clutched her hand and said: "My great, great, great grandfather was kinte, Kunta kinte." The visit comes at a time of

mounting controversy over his hest seller as a result of an article in *The Sunday Times*

usserting that Roots contained historical inaccuracies and that

the author's genealogical re-earch, on the African side, was

npen to question. The article has angered and dampened the spirit of the Haley party, which is preparing a reply.

was "the people" who were demanding appropriate

"I expect the Presiaction. dent will rise to the occasion he added.

Mr Bhutto's concessions to the Islamic orthodoxy of the Opposition, such as prohibition, were contemptuously rejected today as attempts to divert the attention of the people from the main issue". This, it was clearly stated today, was to bring down Mr Bhutto

Our Rawalpindi Correspondent writes: Wine and drink shops were closed down and sealed all over Pakistan after Mr Bhutto announced his intention last night of introducing prohibition on religious grounds Night clubs were elso closed and floor shows stopped. Leading hotels and clubs

served nothing stronger than sherbet and squashes to Muslims. After the announcement that gambling of all kinds would be prohibited, Pakistans best known racing club in Karachi called a meeting "to wind up business". Embassy protest: Twenty Paki-

stanis occupied their embassy in London for several hours last night in protest against Mr. Bhutto's policies, blockading themselves in the ambassador's office. Police were called but the protesters eventually agreed to leave after banding a peti-tion to an embassy official.

Moscow, April 18 .-- Mr Ayaz Amir, a second secretary at Pakistan's embassy here, has submitted his resignation in protest over policies pursued by Mr Bhutto's Government, it was learnt order. His protest was learnt today. His protest comes after similar action by Pakistan's ambassadors in Madthe Opposition, emphasized it rid and Athens.-Reuter.

Cameramen crowd an African village to watch the

Alex Haley returns to his 'Roots'

The visit had the unreality of a television event. The party that cruised 20 miles up the Gambia river on board the presidental yacht Mansa Kila Ba

The group stopped first at James Island, the site of the small fortress contested between British and the French

in the scramble for trade two centuries ago. Photographers scampered over the ruins to photograph Mr Haley picking up stones and looking medita-tive. It was a re-enactment of

One purpose of the trip is to collect material for a Warner Brothers production, a possible sequel to the television series

Mr Haley, who is 55, was accompanied by his two brothers, George, a lawyer, and Julius, an architect, as well as his lawyer, Mr Louis Blau.

A path was cleared by four dancers, dressed from head to ankle in billowing boughs of leaves. Their leader wore a red cloth mask emblazoned with

coom mask emplazoned with cowrie shells under a pair of cow horns. The dancers twisted and stamped to the beat of a drummer wearing a yellow fur cap and sunglasses with mirror lenses.

his visit there in 1967.

of Roots

homecoming of the author who brought it fame

Mr Alex Haley returned home on Sunday. The black American author of Roots made his first visit to this poor village since the publication of the sinry that has made both him and the village famous. This is where, he contends, his ancestor of seven generations ago was



Court ban mutes anti-Concorde protest

From Our Own Correspondent New York, April 18 Airport officials were con-

gratulating themselves today that yesterday's demonstration at New York's Kennedy airport against landing rights for Concorde had not caused more

There were some big traffic jams, and some passengers missed flights, but nothing worse resulted from the protests by

Mrs Thatcher

contrasts China

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From Our Correspondent

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alous situation in which capital

punishment is on the scattte books in Hongkong but the death sentence is always com-

In a speech, recalling his first visit, he said that since then he had been able to

harvesting peanuts is less than the national average of about £85 a head a year.

The Gambian Government is

considering plans to accommodate an expected 2,000 American tourists in July and August. Ideas being bandied about include the construction

of a museum on the river bank, a sound-and-light show

village.
Mr Haley has promised to

short visits.

Mrs Thatcher, the Conserva-tive Party leader, said today that she thought living stand-

Hongkong, April 18

cars were driven slowly through and round Kensedy airport, many of them two abreost, and the drivers sounded their horns and turned on their lights.

Disruption might have been

worse if a local judge had not forbade the demonstration, which deterred some would-be participants, and if several anti-Concorde groups had not decided against taking part for

Altogether several hundred fear of antagonizing airport users.
The organizers said afterwards they had shown they could cause serious trouble if

The next round in the Concorde struggle will be next week, when the case brought by British Airways and Air France against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey comes to a hearing.

'Breaches of discipline' at Zagreb airport

investigators into the air crash last September in which 176 people died said today there had been breaches of discipline at Zagreb airport at the time of the disaster.

ards in Hongkong were well above those she had seen ear-Mr Sava Zivkovic, a member of the official commission which investigated the collision between a British Airways Trident and a Yugoslav DC9, told a court here: "The crash would lier in China, but emphasized that she did not believe in hasty judgments based on Asked about her impressions of China she said: "It is not our kind of society. It is an alien political creed to us".

Mrs Thanher would give no densils of her recent talks with not have occurred had all the rules been respected."

He was giving evidence at the

trial of eight Zagreb ground controllers accused of causing the collision. Mr Zivkovic and the

Zagreb, April 18.—Yugoslav commission's president, Mr dence about a controller working longer hours than officially prescribed, a radar which was not properly adjusted and a mistake in Yugoslav flight control regulations.

Mr Samardzic caid the chief accused, Gradimir Tasic, was scheduled to work 50 hours in the week of the crash, eight hours more than the number prescribed by regulations slight shortage" in the number of controllers at Zagreb, and that the radar at the airport was not properly adjusted.—

He agreed that there was "

Moves towards partition by **Lebanese Christians**

From Robert Fisk Hamet, northern Lebanon April 18

Pierre Gemayel International Airport has been blasted and cur through the rock and small forests below the mountain snow line 10 miles south of Tripoli. It is the inspiration of Bashir Gemayel, the son of the Lebunese Christian Phalangist leader, and to reach it you have to turn right off the coast road into the foothills.

into the foothills.

Because it is a very political, very private enterprise you expect to see a muddy airstrip just capable of taking a light aircraft. But before you reath the old Greek Orthodox church at Hamet, you catch sight of the runway through the trees. It is more than a mile in length and 17 multi-coloured steamrollers and caterpillar construction vehicles are manoeuvring over its surface.

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There is a half-completed modern terminal building and a partially-finished aircraft park. Pasted to the terminal wall are a series of professional diagrams and plans, covered in gradations, final approach speeds and take-off-limits.

The Christian Lebanese do not do things by halves. The Phalangists have poured almost f2m into this Bond-like project—that is Bashir's figure—and Mr Philippe Massad, the acting construction manager and former Phalangist fighter who shows visitors around, claims that the runway should be fully asphalted and operational by the end of

mountain airport high above the sez is, of course, more a political act than a means of employment for the civil war veterans who have turned into construction

It is a sign that the Christians who fought—and nearly lost—the Lebanese war regard the partition of their country as a possibility if not a desirable political end. It is "an their new Christian statelet: the border snakes out of Eastern Beirur and wanders in a gerymandering sort of way mr Massad, who recalls that Beirur's official airport was in leftist hands during the war when the Christians had to Gemayel prefers to talk about

Syrian military patrol passes by to take a look at the air-port. The Syrians have every reason to be interested in its progress although they assure

progress although they assure the Phalangists they are just paying a social call. The Damascus Government regards any move towards the partition of Lebanon as a division that would, set dangerous precedents in the Arab world, nor least in Syria itself.

Their greatest security so far arises from the inability of the old Christian barons of the Lebanese right wing to decide on the kind of Lebanon they want to live in and rule. want to live in and rule. All of them want some form

of autonomy for the Christian Maronites living between Beirut and Tripoli. Mr Pierre Gemayel and Mr Camille Chamoun have both talked in a fashionable way about the need for unity through recognitions of cultural and religious. nition of cultural and religious. differences. This has naturally frightened the Syrians, but when the Lebanese Front, the umbrella

organization for the Gemayel Phalangists and the Chamounist National Liberal Party, mer earlier this year to discuss their ideas, they disagreed.

The aging Mr Chamoun—he is 78-wanted a new constru-tion for Lebanon. The "Tigers"

militia, the political and militery extremists whom Mr Cha-moun's warrior sons led to bloody victory at Tel al-Zaarar last year, have already drawn up a draft constitution which would give Christians and Mus-lims almost complete independ-ence, with a largely powerless central Government to keep up the appearance of Lebanese

rely on the small port of "Regionalization" and thinks Jounish for supplies and in terms of a confederation military equipment.

Every three weeks or so, a unive that would not upset the Serian military particle passes. present constitutional provision for a Christian Maronite president and a Muslim prime minister.

He suggests that greater suconomy should be used as a threat only if the Palesimian presence in Lebanon—upon which the Christians blame all their ills—is not reduced.

Unfortunately for Mr Gemayel, his son Bashir leans towards the Chamounist ideas, Lebanese Muslims generally agree that they want a reunified country. This is ostensibly for patriotic reasons but in reality, they are frightened reality, they are frightened that if Lebanon were divided, the Christians would keep the richest land and take with them the heart of the nation's

economy.

They refuse indignamly to believe that the Christians want partition only as a last resort. If that is so, they ask, why have the Christians gone to the lengths of writing a new constitution? Why have they been installing new communications and Telex lines into the wartime Christian capital of Jounieh? Why are they operating their own Phalangist radio station? Why have they built their new airport?

There are rumours that in a economy.

There are rumours that in a few months' time President Sarkis's Government in Beirut, anxious that Lebanon remains one country, may, with Syrian help, gently take control of the Pierre Gemayel International Airport, thanking the Phalangists at the same time for improving Lebanou's communications in the aftermath of the

enormous bearing Gemayel's name next the runway bas already en blown down by the wind. But the physical act of parti-tion is likely to remain a threat for years to come. Even now, the two communities in Lebanon remain divided and the swathe of ruins through the centre of Beirut is more formidable than any inter-

Militia leader complains to Israelis

Tel Aviv, April 18 Major Saad Haddad,

mander of the Christian Militia in southern Lebanon, com-plained to Israel today that the Lebanese Government was obstructing the International Red Cross from reaching the area to investigate atrocities by Palestinian terrorists.

The accusation was made in an extraordinary document bearing the official seal of the "Lebanese Forces in the South" which was brought to

a press conference here by Mr recently, but later lost them to Francis Rizik, a headmaster the Palestinians. The officer who said he was political adviser to the commanding anyone suspected of having: officer.

Major Haddad commands a force estimated by the Israelis at 1,000. Mr Rizik said the core comprised regular soldiers who belonged to a Lebeness Army unit based in Meri Ayun, but which disintegrated during the civil war.

Major Haddad's forces occu-

pied the predominantly Muslim villages of Al-Khiam and Taiba

gone to the Israeli border or of cooperating with the Lebanese forces. Refugees had reported rape, murder and looting by terrorists from Libya, Iraq, Sudan and other places".

The commander's message was read at a press conference called by the Israel Public Committee for Aid to Lebanon. launching a drive for assistance.

Chairman Hua Kuofeag and tother Chinese leaders, but said they had not discussed the future of Hongkong. Asked about capital punishment in Hongkong, she said that if she became Prime Minister she would judge each case on its merits in advising

Tanzania closes the Queen. Lord Deming recently criticized the anom-Kenya border

Dar es Salsam, April 18.— Tanzania today announced the "permanent" closure of its border with Kenya. A week ago Kenya prosecuted 97 Tanzanians for possessing offensive

On social and electoral reform in Hongkong, Mrs Thatcher said that should be In another development today examined by the residents, an implicit criticism of British Tanzania announced the forma-tion of its own national sirling MPs who make sweeping stateafter the collapse of East Afri-can Airways, jointly owned with Kenya and Uganda. ments about the cotony after Leading article, page 15

Tight-lipped Army

Buenos Aires, April 18.—No reason is being given by the Argentine Army for holding Senor Enrique Jara, a Uruguayan who is deputy manager and news editor of the inde-pendent newspaper La Opinion. He was seized at his home here three days ago.

Dissidents released Warsaw, April 18.—Police have released all seven people then he had been able to determine that his forefather, Kunta Kinte, had come from this village.

The visit, he said, was a symbolic return for millions of black Americans whose ancestors had been carried away as slages. The villagers model associated with the dissident Workers' Defence Committee in Warsaw whom they detained on Friday and questioned about alleged stander of

Poland. Extortioners to die Addis Ababa, April 18.—An Ethiopian court martial has sentenced an Army major and a corporal to death for extering

tors had been carried away as slaves. The villagers nodded and appeared moved.

Later at the Kinte family compound, Mr Haley hugged Mrs Binta Kinte, the widow of the elder who first told him the story of the 16-year-old boy who disappeared while chopping wood in 1767.

Influre is not the paradise money from a person they had accused of illegal activities. \$1m diamond raid

Juffure is not the paradise portrayed on television. The residents' income derived from New York, April 18.—Two gunmen today held un a jewelry shop in central New York and escaped with more than \$1m (about £580,000) worth of cut and uncur diamonds.

> Ganges waters accord Dacca, April 18 .- India and Bangladesh have reached an "understanding" on the sharing of the Gauges river waters. Details will be worked out at a meeting in Delbi.

on the theme of a slave run-ning to a British flagpole to gain his freedom, and a recep-tion centre in the centre of the Ghana five-year plan Accra. April 18.—Ghana has launched a 57,000m (about £4,120m) five-year development provide the village with a new mosque, which his brother Julius is to design.—New York Times News Service. plan, to be financed entirely from the country's own re-

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The prosecution said the prince fired his revolver at the man in October when he sug-pected him of smuggling goods into Johore Eahru by boat The prince gave notice appeal.-Reuter.

Hearst charges not contested From Our Own Correspondent New York, April 18 Lawyers for Miss Patricia

Hearst, the newspaper heiress convicted of bank robbery, announced roday that she would not contest charges of armed robbery and assault being brought against her in Los Angeles. She would enter

court in Los Angeles, is the was tried last year in San outcome of an agreement between her lawyers and the prosecution. It was not immediarely known whether there has case, and sentenced to seven also been an agreement on years in jail. She is at present also been an agreement on what sort of sentence Miss Hearst should receive on the charges of armed robbtry and a hearing of her appeal The charges in Los Angeles

charges of armed bank robbery. She was found guilty in that

The charges in Los Angeles Los Angeles. She would enter a plea of nolo contendere. In return, nine other charges are to be dropped by the prosecution. It would have been month. It would have been fired shots at the shop in order to have state court in Los Angeles next Miss Hearst was alleged to have month. It would have been fired shots at the shop in order to have some properties. The announcement, made in Miss Hearst's second trial. She to help two of her companions,

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All eyes will be on Derek Randall when the cricket season opens tomorrow

Hail the harbinger of England's new spirit

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

The new cricker season comes in tomorrow on a wave of optimism. The fact that it is still too cold for comfort, and well may be for another week or two yet, is likely to warry the players more than the countless housands of others to whom there is nothing quire like an Australian year. Greg Chappell and his green-tapped team arrive in London on Friday morn-

After his great innings in Melbourne. Derek Randah funds hunself cast as a saviour, a kind of harbinger of happiec days. It will place him under a considerable strain. All along the line big things will be expected of lim-In fairness to him, and to strike a camponary note, it is as well to remember that in his seven Test unings in India he scored 86 runs. Randall, though, personifies the spirit which one dares to think has touched the England team. By his Melbourne triumph ("The best innings

have seen by an emerging English batsman, says Peter May, "since ('olin Cowdrey's first Test handred'') he will also, I hope, have influenced the England selectors to go, when me could, for the younger man rather than the older one. It is less than the property of the control the older one. It is less then a year ago that they brought back Brian Close

at the age of 45.

At 36, Boycott must be less likely to get the call again now that Randall has struck his blow for youth. One of the winter's statistics was Boycott's batting average of 165.72, which included five ratout hundreds, in the Sydney trade; hardly less extraordinary was the fact that it enabled Waverley who wan the premiership under Tony Greig in 1975-76, to finish only thirteenth, out of 16 teams. There could be a moral here, even if it is only that bowling wins titles.

There is something else which may

There is something else which may count against those in their middle and

late thirties being preferred to some-one younger, and that is Fletcher's failure in Melbourne. To take the line, as many do, that England would have won the Centenary Test match if Miller or Barlow had played instead of Fletcher is to be wise after the event. In England's second innings Fletcher got a horrid, lifting ball.

I know just why Greig must have wanted Fletcher. He values his coun-sel on the field, for one thing; for another, Fletcher had played well in saving the last Test match in Bombay. Did Greig also want Close at Trent Bridge last June—then, too, with Ken Barrington to support him? It is easier as a rule, to stand by the virtues of an old friend than to heed the claims of

In picking a clutch of young batsmen for their tour to England the Austra-lians had little option—with Ian Chappell and Redpath in retirement. It is the style and performance of David Hookes, Craig Serjeant and Kim Hughes, as they set about adapting their game to England conditions, that promises to be one of the most interesting and consequential aspects of the coming season. Hookes, the tall, fair-haired left-hander who produced those flowing strokes in Melbourne, had the

Australians first test at Arundel

The Australians will face a team of past and present Test players in the opening match of their tour against Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel on Wednesday, April 27. Tony Greig, the England captain, will lead the team, which includes five other members of the MCC winter touring party: Geoffrey Miller, Derek Randall, Bob Woolmer, John Lever and Chris Old. Woolmer, John Lever and Chris Old. Woolmer, who has joundice is the only doubt. The wicketkeeper is John Murray, who has joined the England panel of selectors for the first time this season.

nice to think that Athey, Botham, Garting and Stevenson have benefitted

correspondingly from spending the recent winter in Australia. Although,

when he was with Dulwich, Hookes averaged only 30, he won matches for

Not even his doctors, I imagine, can be sure how completely Thomson will be able to recover his speed. I shall be surprised myself it, with that great back of his, he is still not very fast. But that is not the same as being successful. Without Lallee, who is reputed to be receiving something in the region of £100,000 in the first year of his television contract, Thomson will have to do most of the demolicion

have to do most of the demolition work himself, and that is a lot to ask of him. For the first time since 1970-

71 England's batsmen should collect

What Randall's success in Australia

emphasized was how much rons in

emphasized was now much raiss in India are worth these days, on the bad pitches there and against top class spin bowling. India at the moment is the hardest country in the world in which to score freely. If there is no reason yet for confidence in England's betting the moment is the confidence in England's

batting there is also less for appre-

more runs than bruises.

them by scoring his runs so fast.

The hours of play will be from 12 until 6.30 but, until the Australians arrive on Friday, it will not be decided whether the match will be of limited overs. The game is sponsored by the National Westminster Bank.

Team: A. W. Greig (Sussex, captain), G. Miller (Derbyshire), R. A. Woodmer (Kent), D. W. Randall (Nottinghamahire), M. C. Cowdrey (Kent), M. J. K. Smith (Warwickshire), P. Willey (Northamptonshire), J. T. Murray (Middlesex), P. H. Edmonds (Middlesex), C. M. Old (Yorkshire), J. K. Lever (Essex).

more than two overseas players may appear simultaneously in the same county side, will also begin to pinch this season, which will benefit English cricket. The counties with the best of them will still be the most successful, I expect, but there is no harm in that. The fact that the county championship has produced nine different winners in the past nine years is a

If the continuing lack of conviction in England's batting has been one of the main concerns of the winter it is a small matter, as I see it, compared to the decline in cricketing manners even at the highest level. "You need to find out what these young fellows are made of", the England captain said after using abusive language to Hookes in the Melbourne Test match. What utter

The Australians themselves, both against Pakistan and New Zealand, had things to say on the field that are to be expected of delinquents and football hooligans but need to be stamped out of cricket, if necessary by the most ruthless methods. I should be pleased to hear that a county captain, even a Test captain, had been suspended for a month if the reason were for turning a game of cricket into a slanging match: not pleased that it had happened, but

pleased at the sanction.

Well, the mowers are out, and the grounds are rolled, and the nets are up, and it is Jubilee year, and the Australians are coming and England, Australians are coming and England, we hope, are on the way back. The first Test match is at Lord's this year, dignified by the title of the Jubilee Test, on June 16. Before that there are three one-day representative games, which will mean more than they have done before, coming as they do this time as a prelude to the series proper. Even without Dennis Lillee, with the flames coming out of his nostrils, there should still be plenty of action to keen the still be plenty of action to keep the





The likely lads: from the left, Gatting, Stevenson, Botham and Athey, representing the new vintage of players who could soon be challenging for an England place as the new season gets under way in the next few weeks.

Nursery pipe dream a reality in August

Both the construction work and the fund raising here proceeded with such rapidity that MCC now expect the indoor cricket school, being built on the nursery ground at Lord's to be operating by August. Few steps undertaken by the club in their 190-year history scenn likely to have such beneseem likely to have such bene-ficial effects for the game's

Already the Inner London Education Authority have agreed to make the fullest possible use of the premises all the year round. Between 250 and 300 schoolboys during termine will be among those using the facilities in the daytime each week and club players at all levels will have the opportunity to be coached at other times, seven days a week, until late at hight.

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For Lord's to have a modern indoor cricket school has been a pipedream for several generations. The scheme now nearing fruition received its initial impetus a year ago when Mr J. A. Hayward, the well-known sporting philanthropist, and a member of MCC's facilities' sub-committee, donated £75,000, roughly half the cost.

Since then the Sports Council ings and photographs, some of have given a grant of £50,000; an appeal to MCC members has archives for sevaral decades. The brought in £47,000 so far and the Prudential with £20,000 and National Westmuster Bank and badmiaton, would also be suitable Debenhams with £10,000 each, have also contributed. The Lord's Taverners have given £5,000, that future finals of the national through the English Schools Association, to cover the cost of Wrigleys, might be staged there. school's first year.

An outline of the school's facili-

An outline of the school's facilities was given at Lord's yesterday at a press conference by Mr W. H. Wcbster, president of MCC, and Mr E. W. Swanton, chairman of MCC's indoor school management sub-committee. On the ground floor, a playing area of 120ft by 88ft will contain seven nets, each allowing bowlers a 15-yard approach run. The uni-turfed surface will be adjusted so that three wickets will assist the development of spin bowling and four will have more pace. Two large changing rooms, administration offices and a bur complete the main functional part of the school. tional part of the school.

Upstairs a spectators' gallery
will have its walls lined with
hundreds of historic cricket paint-

indoor competition, sponsored by Wrigleys, might be staged there. It is all a far cry from cricket's first indoor school of any note, opened by the famous South African, Anbrey Faulkner, in 1924 at Richmond, in a disused garage. Those days are recalled by lan Peebles in Cricket Under Cover, a booklet produced by MC Cover. a booklet produced by MC Cto commemorate their new school. Edited by Gordon Ross, the book-Edited by Gordon Ross, the booklet contains numerous articles by
leading players and writers, including Sir Donald Bradman, and
is available from the Lord's Bookshop. London, NWS, price 65p
including postage. The school's
manager will be Flight Lieutenant
A. Fleming, who leaves the RAF
in May and has 25 years experience in physical education and
sports management, and the head
coach, who is expected to be a
former Test player, will be
announced shortly.

Pakistan dogged enough to snap back in Test

Kingston, Jamaica, April 18.—
West Indies, 406 runs on with four second innings wickets in hand, are in a strong position in the fifth Test match against Pakistan and could win it and the series. Play resumes tomorrow after a rest day. On the other hand, throughout this series Pakistan have usually batted better under pressure than when things were going their way.

They have the ability to produce

They have the ability to produce the kind of determined concentra-tion and dogged refusal to surnon and cogged rentsat to smr-render which is notably lacking in West Indies batsmen. A key factor will be the wicket. It has lost its venom far earlier than anyone expected and is likely to become more placid as time goes

by.

In these conditions Pakistan could make a big score; but with time so much on West Indies' side, it seems unlikely that they will make emugh. A heavy responsibility lies with three men in the Pakistan team—Majid Khan, Sadiq Mohammad and Zaheer

The Duke of Edinburgh, Lord's Taverners twelfth man, welcomes Greg Chappell's Australian cricketers at a London luncheon on April 25

Squash rackets

Lack of sponsors cuts field at Stockton to eight

By Rex Bellamy

Squash Rackets Correspondent
Two of the most attractive fiztures of the fading squash racketsseason will take place commurently from tomorrow until Saturday. One will be the Cleveland urday. One will be the Cleveland Masters tournament, a professional promotion at Stockton. The other will be the fifth European amateur team championship, at-Abbeydale Park, Sheffield.

Abbeydale Park, Sheffield.

For seven years the Stockton event has been one of the most popular lig-entry tournaments on the calendar. This season sponsorship was so difficult to raise that the field had to be restricted to the eight leading players available. Every one will be individually sponsored by a local firm, all eight backers coutributing the same amount. The prize fund will be £2,575, the winner taking £700. The competitors will be Hunt, Nancarrow, Safwat, Watson, Aziz, Shawcross, Asran, and Easter.

The European amateur cham-

The European amateur championship, a five-a-side event, will be played in England for the first time. The previous tournaments were contested in Edinburgh, Stockholm, Dublin, and Brussels. lech split into three separate pools for two days of all-play-all com-petition. In this event the home countries

compete separately. England have won all the previous champion-

DUBLIN: Dunlop Irish championships: Final: G. Hunt (Australia) beat J. Farrington 100, 9-7, 9-1. Play-of-for third place: R. Walson (SA) beat K. Shawuross (Australia), 9-2, 9-5, 3-10, 8-10, 9-1.

Golf

Little big woman of Moss Creek

From Peter Ryde
Goif Correspondent
Hitton Heed, April 18
Sandra Palmer, overnight joint
leader in the Women's International tournament, forged ahead
to victory at the Moss Creek club
here in South Carolina yesterday
with a final 70 for a total of 281,
the same score as last year's
winner, Sally Little. Only a strong
challenge from Jane Blalock
troubled her, but this vanished as
Miss Blalock, who still finished
in 67, hit her last drive close to
the ruskes. With her second shot
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six, which left Miss Palmer the winner by two strokes.

This victory raises Miss Palmer — whose lack of inches was accontuated when site was taking to the full and elegant British queen of gulf—to the top of the order of merit, ahead of Miss Whit-

regained confidence in her putting, and took three putts only three times in the tournament on greens that were, admittedly, small. Her performance last week confirmed her carlier remark that now she knew she wanted to play in the United States.

United States.

In addition to distinguished figures in the gallery—Lady Heathcote-Amory remained an ardent watcher to the end—the field of 70 commined also distinguished players of yesterday, such as Mariene Streit, Peggy Kirk Bell, and Mickey Wright, who played the last two rounds in 143, Leading amateurs on 291 were Beth Daniel, of the last Curtis Cup tram, and Frenda Goldsmith. Cup team, and Erenda Goldsmith 1976 Southern champion,

World champion held to 4-4 by Fagan

Ray Reardon (Market Drayton) defending his world professional snooker championship, was held to 4—4 by Patsy Fagan at Clacton-on-Sea in their 25-frame first-round match, which began in Sheffield yesterday. Reardon, aided by breaks of 92, 53 and 75, was three times the odd frame in front; but Fagan kept a cool licad to equalize on each occasion. Ray Reardon (Market Drayton)

Sion.

The other first-round match level at 4—4 in his match against brought together two former John Virgo (Salford).

world champions, Fred Davis (Stourport) and John Pulman (Bromley). Davis won the opening frame, but Pulman displayed some of the best form he has shown in recent years to take a 5-3 lead Graham Miles (Birmingham) won the last two frames of the session to take a 5-3 land over Willie Thorne (Leice ter): and John Spencer (Radcliffe), the No 8 seed, recovered from 1-1 to

FIRST ROUND: R. Reardon (Market Drugton) 4. P. Fagan ("McJohonn-Scar 4. Frame scores (Reardon farst): 2"—"6, 70—20, 99—26, 26—80, 77—57, 58—80, 118—15, 54—47, J. Pulman (Brugalog), loads F. Devly (Stourport) —". Frame scores (Pulman first): 11—1(22, 87—22, 73—35, 10—74, 50—57, 43—80, 76—49, 57—39, FIRST ROUND: R. Reardon (Market

Rugby League:

Mills with tour party Jim Mills, the Widnes prop forward, will be going to New Zealand and Australia as a mem-

ber of Britain's party, but whether he will play in the Rugby League World champtonship matches has still to be decided.

This was the outcome of an emergency meeting of the Rugby League Consultative Committee League Consultative Committee in Leeds yesterday, called to consider a New Zealand cable reaffirming a life bun on Mills in that country and warning that if Mills arrived there, the provincial leagues would not allow their regulater to be used for the

ice, in a statement after the meeting said: "Jim Mills is to remain
in the Great Britain party of 20
from which the 19 players eligible
to play in the championship in
accordance with International
Board rules, will be named four
days before Britain play France at
Aurkland on June 5. Auckland on June 5.

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crounds to be used for the chompionship matches. Air Harry Womersley, the chair-man of the Consultative Commit-tee, in a statement after the meet-

are seeking a meeting of the international board before the start of the tournament to prevent start of the tournament to prevent out further controversy arising. Mills, who was told of the com-mittee's decision after being called into the meeding, said he hoped to be in the party of 19. He added: "(want to play against New Zealand, Australia and France, I don't want to go as a postunger. I did not offer to withdraw because I have served my suspension for the incident in the match against New Zealand in 1975 and that's it finished as far as I am

Rugby Union

Heavy emphasis on weight and height in young England pack

Rugby Correspondent

The England Under-23 team embarking on a six-match tour of Canada next mouth will not be short ou inches or weight at forward, whatever else it may lack—and it looks a neeful, well balanced side overall. The three locks, Scott, Boyle, and Pomphrey, and the No 8, Mantell, all stand at 6ft 4jin or more, and all tip the scales at 16st 10th or better. Jones, the Blackheath fleaker, who has played lock and may double up with Mantell at No 8 on tour, and Redfern, the 19-year-old Leicester prop, are both 6ft 3in and 16st 7lb.

The captain will be John Scott, Rugby Correspondent

The captain will be John Scott, one of four Rosslyn Park players in the team. The others are Mancell, who won a senior England cap at Sydney on the short tour of Australia in 1975, Turner, the Hanker, and Thornton, the Cambridge University pressy.

Turner, the Hanker, and Thornton, the Cambridge University centre.

Ball and Carfoot, who were on the losing side in the knockout final last Saturday, are named at half back, along with Palmer, of Bath, and Coombes; of Plymouth Albiott. Palmer, robustly bullt and 20 years of age, has been playing in the centre for Bath, moving to stand-off when John Horton has been engaged elsewhere. Coombes, who started the season with Pennyn, caught the eye in Cornwall's colours, against. England Under-23 in September, and subsequently was picked for Young England, when they thrashed the Japanese at Twickenham, Kenney, of Leicester, who must have pushed Coombes close for a place, has been nominated as first reserve for the scrum half-position. It is sad that Wordsworth, the Hadequist stand-off helf, has disappeared from the first clast scene. He is one of several leading performers who were not available for selection. Others in the list include Hismal, the England full back; Caplan, the Headingley and Yorkshire full

back, who had excellent national trials this season; Jeavons, the Moseley No 8; Jackson, the Hartsquis Jock, and Polisdri, the Bristol finnker.

In addition, Rose, the Durham University and Lescenter full back, is injured. So the field for the last named position was left clear for Sorrell, who was in the Young England XV shat beat English students the other week at Leicester, and Boyd, who had a most impressive game against Cornwall.

The names of Lambert, Carleton and Mogg suggest a handy choice of strength, pare and skill at wing three-quarter, and there should be a good balance at centre, where the promising Thornton will be competing against the more expressive game to the promising the promising the more expressive against the more expressive

the promising Thornton will be competing against the more experienced Bond and Dodge. It was pleasant to more at Leicester recently that there is now considerably more to Bond's game than direct and powerful running and an uncompromising defence. No one in his position in England moves the ball more advorting than Dodge, and in this respect Thornton, too, has much to commend

am. All three props—Ball, Redfern and Doubleday—bave bad experi-

should provide valuable tour ex-perience. "There should not be too much fatiguing travel and the opposition looks strong enough to give us the work we want. I reckon there is every prospect of three or four of the players mak-ing enough progress in the next year or so to reach the senior side."

The party for the tour of Canada

(waterioo); Strum naives; D. J. Carfoot (Waterioo), N. P. Coombes (Plymouth Albion); Props: R. J. Doubleday (Bristol), S. P. Redfern (Leicester); J. A. H. Bell (Middlesbrough); Hook-ers: G. M. J. Cox (Moseley), R. Tabern-(Fyide); Flankers: N. C. B. Turner (Rossiyn Park), D. H. Coxle, (Hardeville), R. J. Chester.

(Bristol); No. 8: N. D. Mantell (Rosslyn Park). Their six-match programme begins on May 25 with a sune against Combined Universities in Vancouver and includes two internationals with Canada, on June 4

Football

Cunningham included in **England party of 16** Laurie Cumningham, strongly back Peach is included as an over-

tipped to become the first coloured footballer to play for England, is included in a 15-strong party for England's Under-21 manch systems in the manch syste Sheffield United's ground on April 27. Cumningham, born in North London of West Indian pareots, cost West Bromwich Albion, £100,000 when they signed him from Orient last mouth. The 20-year-old winger had made almost 100 seperatures for Orient since turning professional in 1974. The party, affected by a number of first and second division games the previous night, also includes Ipswich's reserve striker Bertschin and Arsenal's midfield player Rix, who only made his first appearance in the first division three weeks ago. Southampton's full-

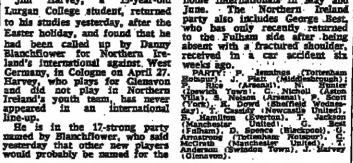
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Harvey in N Ireland party Harvey, a 19-year-old home internationals in May an

Blanchflower for Northern Ire-land's international against. West Germany, in Cologne on April 27. Harvey, who plays for Glenavon and did not play in Northern Ireland's youth team, has never appeared in an international line-up.

He is in the 17-strong party named by Blanchflower, who said yesterday that other new players would probably be named for the



Hartford's likely absence may dent City challenge

Manchester City's persistent championship challenge may hinge as much on events off the field as on it in the final stages of this protracted season. City's in precent weeks, have eased dramadically in the past 48 hours. But now another cloud hovers over Maine Road as they prepare for tonight's home clash with Birmingham—the impending suspension of their key midfield man Asa Hartford.

A Scottish international, Hartford has collected 20 penalty mointer and faces a possible three.

A Scottish international, Hartford has collected 20 penalty points and faces a possible three-match ban when his case is dealt with by an FA disciplinary commission in London today. City, who can ill afford the loss of a player of Hartford's calibre for three games, will be hoping for leniency and a minimum one-match ban—which would keep him out of the match at Derby on April 30. The other clashes Hartford may miss are Asion Villa (away) on May 4 and Tottenham (home) on May 7.

Eut the brighter news from Maine Road is that Book is likely to enjoy the rare luxury of choosing from a fully fit party. Both Doyle and Royle, who missed the win at West Bromwich on Watford part

Watford have parted company with their manager, Michael Keen. In a statement released yesterday morning, the fourth division club announced that the manager's con-tract, which still had 14 months to run, had been terminated "by mutual consent."

with manager

Keen has been at Watford for four years and has faced increas-ing criticism from some directors over the past 12 months. With 10 players unfit Port Vale

successfully appealed yesterday to the Football League to have their third division match against Crystal

Yesterday's results and scorers Third division

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QPR told to cut ticket allocation Queen's Park Rangers have been ordered by the Football Associa-tion to make a cut of 20 per cent

their centre back Gallagher before naming their team. Both aggravated thigh injuries in the 2—0 defeat of Stoke on

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Two internationals definitely ruled out of totight's matches are Mauchester United's Hill and Buchan, who maiss their side's trip to Queen's Park Rangers. Buchan sustained a groin strain in Saturday's home draw with Leicester, while Hill stands down with a knee injury.

in the Cup final ticker allocation made annually to an organization within the club. In addition, a relation of a Rangers player has been bassed by the FA from receiving tickers. Title action follows complaints

that, some tickets for last year's final between Manchester United and Southampton were issued to face value. Rangers have also been ordered to send a full list of the people who have received tickets over the past seasons to the FA.

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Johnston: New lease of life.

Scots recall Johnston after seven years

Willie Johnston, who last played for Scotland seven years ago, is in a party of 18 for the international against Sweden at Hampden Park on April 27. Signed from Rangers for £135,000 in 1972, the 30-year-old winger has played a key role in West Bromwich Albion's attempt to gain a top six first division place this season.

The party is weakened horause Albion's attempt to gain a top six first division place this season.

The party is weakened because of some Football Leagne games the previous night, but there are three other Anglo-Scots in the party—Willie Donachie and Asa Hartford, of Manchester City, and Ken Burns, of Birmingham City, Rangers and the new Scotish champions, Celtic, each have four players in the party.

Bobby Clark, the Aberdem goalkeeper, who played in Johnston's last international—against Denmark in 1970—is one of tile two over-age players in Scotland's under-21 team to play England at Sheffeld on the same night.

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Saros can uphold Dewhurst form at expense of Be My Guest

Sponsored by Ladbroke Leisure, Blue Riband Trial Stakes Is the most valuable race at Epsom today on this the first day of their three-day spring meeting.
Appropriately it has attracted the hest field, even though there are only seven runners. What it has

best field, even though there are only seven runners. What it has only seven runners was not in quality.

The high spor of the ruce promises to be the clash between Saros, who will be higher by the champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, and make of Be My Guest won the second of his two races in Ireland. Last year dicity enough without crankly saying the post of the mount of lester ringout. The two principals are respectively. Valwyn won this stable has still to find its usual succession. The woold say which has still sent of the season from an English point of the season from an English point

to win the 2,000 Guineas. Eddery was not hard oo Saros as soon as he realized that The Minnstel had taken his measure.

By taking a line through Crown Bowler, who finished third in the Dewhurst, four lengths befind Saros, it is possible to argue that my selection ought to have nothing to fear from the Queen's cott, Card Player, on this occasion. Card Player, on this occasion. Card Player finished only half a length in front of Crown Bowler on the only occasion they met last year.

But it is difficult to know what to make of Be My Guest. This cott by Northern Dancer is out of What a Treat, who was the best three-year-old filly of her generation in the United States.

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Be My Guest won the second of the generation of the past six years, and today's field would certainly look more at home if they had ten flights of hurdles facing them. The last of hurdles facing them. The last of hurdles facing them. The last of hurdles facing them the last won this race was in 1970 when Hickleton was successful. He jumpers' dominance to who will be meeting Water Colour had been well as the past six years, and today's field would certainly look more at home if they had ten flights of hurdles facing them. The has only occasion they met last year.

By taking a line through Crown the look have only a finite last mile and 110 yards of the least mile and 110 yards of the the last mile and 110 yards of the Derby. course, but I doubt whether he is as forward as Saros. The Great Metropolitan Handicap has been won by a hurdler for the past six years, and today's iteld would certainly look more at home if they had ten flights of burdles facing them. The last occasion that a flat racing specialist won this race was in 1970 when Hickleton was successful. He was trained by Burry Hills, who is not without a good chance of ending the jumpers' dominance by winning it again with Matinale who will be meeting Water Colour on better terms than when she on better terms than when she was begien two lengths by him at Warwick on Easter. Monday. That was her first race of the season, whereas Water Colour was fit from a spell of hurdling.

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Piggott censured

Lester Piggott and the Ascot starter, Captain R. B. Smalley, have both been censored by Jockey Club Stewards for the non-participation of Vincent O'Brien's Cloonlars in the 1,000 Guineas Trial on April 2.

Murray classic ride Duncan Sasse has engaged Tony Murray to ride the Tote Free Han-

Versatility is the Peter **Easterby** byword By Michael Seely

Peter Easterby continued to show his versatility as a trainer when Maysus became his sixth individual two-year-old winner this season. Maysus bear the odds-on favourite, Tavrina, and the fast finishing Near The Mark in a tight finish for the Sunstar Maiden Stakes at Nottingham yesterday. On Saturday at Ayr, the Malton

On Saturday at Ayr, the Malton trainer completed a remarkable treble when Sea Pigeon's victory in the Scottish Champion Hurdle capped whose of Night Nurse in the Championship itself at Cheitenham. The same afternoon, Easterby had won the Royal Borough of Ayr Memorial Handicap with Midao and had saddled Friendly Baker to win the first cace of the afternoon at Beverley. Yesterday's winner belongs to Yesterday's wioner belongs to and was bred by Arthur Snipe, an industrialist who lives at Barnby Moor, near Newark. Rasterby trained Maysus's dam, Asiclon, to win twice as a two-year-old for M Saipe. His sire, Maystreak, won several valuable handleaps for the came combination and was one of several valuable handicaps for the same combination and was one of the toughest and gamest horses who ever looked through a bridle. Maystreak now stands at Walter Easterby's stud uear Tadcaster.

Easterby confirmed both Night Nurse and Sea Pigeon as certain starters for the Chester Cup on May 4. Last year's winner, John Cherry, heads the weight with 10st. Sea Pigeon has been allotted ast 11b and Night Nurse 7st 5lb. The trainer considers Night Nurse as being the more certain of the pair to stay this testing two and a quarter miles.

a quarter miles.

As usual at Nottingham, the As usual at Nottingham; the training honours were divided pretty evenly all over the country. Newmarket stables captured two races, the 20-year-old locally born apprentice, Peter Gunn, parmered Ornamental Night to heat the 10-year-old Prominent in the Coronach Apprentices Handicap, for Bill Holden, Stormy Princess, ridden by John Lyach: and trained by Neville: Callaghan, gained her third victory in 11 days when outstaying Hardy. Turk in the Call Boy, Handicap. Stormy Princess is certainly a transformed mare since being fitted with! blinkers and



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Hyver Hill (B. Taylor) wins the Brighton Borough Stakes from Murrmatch and Private Line:

should have no difficulty in winning again. The Nottinghamshire trainer, The Notinghamshire trainer, Jack Hardy, continued his remarkable record in this type of event when Never Tell just got the better of a hard fought hattle with Myth Utopla and Stoneswell in the Aboyeur Selling Stakes. Never Tell was ridden by the champion juckey, Patrick Eddery, who has now had three successes out of four mounts for Hardy this season. Eddery completed a double when landing the Manna Maiden Stakes on Lady Mason for Peter Walwyn. landing the Manna Maiden Stakes on Lady Mason for Peter Walwyn. Lady Mason, who was backed down from 7-2 to 7-4, belongs to a London stockbroker, Mark Armitage, and was bought from the Canadian millionaire, Garfield Weston, last autumn. Weston, last autumn.

The filly was slowly away and had difficulty in getting a clear run, but at the finish scored with a little-in hand. Walwyn's assistant trainer, Jamie Douglas Home, said: "That was a game performance, and Lady Mason could well win again." The race was marred by the fall of True Diver,

who slipped and fell when disputing the lead entering the last furlong. Happily, both the gelding
and his rider, Ernie Johnson,
escaped undurt.

Earlier, Johnson had given
Berkshire its first winner of the
day when partering Sicasons 10 Berksme its tirst winner of the day when parmering Sicasanta to a comfortable victory in the Felstead Bandicap. Sicasanta, who is trained by Peter Cundell, had run well when third to The Solosian at Kempton Park and was another well backed invourite at 13-8, having opened at 3-1.

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At Nottingham today, Henry Cecil, whose 113-strong team appears to be running into form can win both divisions of the Oval Malden Stakes with Badajos and Palaver. Badajos twice ran well in useful company as a two-year-old.: His chief opponent is likely to be Gavin Pritchard-Gordon's highly regarder Connaught colt, Night Porter, who looked in need of the race when outpaced behind Noble Venture at Ascot recently. In the second division, Pritchard-Gordon could provide the main danger to Palaver.

lengths.
The combination of Bannon and

Miss Brasher outwits Australian opponent

Little Kate Brasher, Britain's it-year-old mains player, put herself in line for an extra day's holiday after her easy first round win on the opening day of the truruament sponsored by Robinson's Barley Water at Norwich sesterday. Miss Brasher at Rowling the Australian Helen Rice, 6—2, 6—1. Surreying the draw after her victory, Miss Brasher said: "I am supposed to go home to Surrey and be back at school on Surrey and be back at school on the control of the second should be seen to the right read. The women's singles lost two seeds on the opening day, the American Pamela Bailey, number seven, who lost 2—6, 6—1 6—3, who lost 2—6, 6—1 6—3 14-year-old comis player, put herself in line for an extra day's
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her victory, Miss Brasher said:
"I am supposed to go home to
Surrey and be back at school on
Thursday, but if I could keep
winning I've got leave of absence
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Miss Brasher can hardly be optimistic of a prolonged stay in the tournament for future opponents could include Jane Erskire, the Scottish player who heat her last week, or, if she survives that, the top-seeded Susan Mappin of Shettleld, making her first British appearance of the season.

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Miss Brasher, the daughter of Christopher. a 1956 Olympic Games gold medal winner, and Shirley, Britain's top tennis player 20 years ago, cortainly outshone yesterday's opponent, a 16-year-old left hander who represents South Australia in State

American Fameia Baney, infinite seven, who lost 2-6, 6-1 6-3, to Jane Philips, of New Zealand, while the Australian filled seed. Kim Ruddell scratched because she is engaged in a tournament in the United States, Miss Ruddell

in the United States. Miss Ruddell was the player who partnered karen Kreatacke to a dubles victory in America a week ago just before the Australian girl collapsed and died.

In the men's singles Andrew Jarrett, the British junior champion, who has improved immensely since his first recent tour of America, turned in another workmanlike performance to beat the manlike performance to beat the useful Australian Timothy Clements 6—2, 6—4, Jarret was made to work for every point and came from behind in the second set.

Yesterday's results at Norwich

Ten arrested as South

Africa go out

Newport Beach, California,
April 18.—The United States won
their Davis Cup tie 4—1 against
South Africa here yesterday as
political disruptions affected play
for the third day in succession.

Demonstrators protesting against

On Saturday, two black men invaded the court and one threw a bottle of oil on the surface, causing a 45-minute delay in play while the court was cleaned. Up to 750 demonstrators have paraded

over the past year against the hard-serving American, mixing his shots to confound what he later called the "patterned style of his opponent. Tanner is ranked number eight among tennis professionals and Moore is 35th.

In the day's closing match of reverse singles, Brian Gottfried, seventh-ranked and the man in

Nastase forced to retire from tournament

Houston, April 18.—life Nastuse, of Romania, tripped over a tennis ball and lost his chance of a second straight World Champion, ship Tennis tournament victory here during the weekend. The Romanian fell in practice on Saturday before the semi-final round took place. Heavy rain gave him a reprieve until yesterday but the sames into his match.

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with Vitas Gerulaits, of United
States, a hobbling Nastase was
forced to retire.
Nastase, who beat Jimmy
Connors for the WCT challenge
cup last Sunday, trailed 4—1 when
he decided he could not continue.
Gerulaits will play Adriano
Panatta, of Italy, in the Inal
today. Panatta, who beat Connors ranatta, who heat Condors in the first round of the event, climinated Eddie Dibbs, of the United States, yesterday, 6—2, 6—2. Nastase later returned after

6—2. Nastase later returned after treatment for his ankle to team with Panetta for a 6—2, 6—2 triumph over Johan Alexander and Phil Dent, of Australia, in the doubles final.

Panetta made short work of Dibbs. The Miami Beach professional battled for his life in the second set, but simply could not get his shots over the net. The 26-year-old Italian broke in the third and fifth games of the first set, allowing just three points off his own service, then broke again in the third game of the second set on his way to a 3—1 lead.

However, Dibbs fought off two game points to hold in the fifth, then forced Panetta to deuce three times in the sixth before losing with a misplaced routine ground-sroke. A net error cost him another break in the seventh game and Panetta put an end to the match, after two more net errors, with a booming service which Dibbs failed to return.—Renter.

Dr Richards applies Rome. April 18.—The American Renée Richards, former male tennis player who underwent a sex-change operation last year, has applied to play in the Italian championships here next month. Dr Richards said she would provide a medical certificate proving the was now female.—Renter.

A man in 2,933

Cousins returns operation

Robin Cousias, 19-year-old British ice skating champlon, was back in action yesterday for the first time stace having a cartilage operation five weeks ago.

Cousins, from Bristol, a European bronze medal winner, had a short workout and afterwards his mother, Mrs Jo Cousins, reported:

"He did a little bit of figure work, a few spins and some footwork. He didn't try any jumps. The important thing is that he didn't feel any pain in his knee."

Minter's challenger

mater crowd of 1.5 million lining the streets of the city for the annual race. He took 2hr 14min 46sec. Veli Bally of Turker, was a distant second in 2hr 15min 44sec, and Brian Maxwell, of the United States, third in 2hr 17min 2isec. United States, third in 2nr 1/min 2isec.
Drayton, a Canadian Government worker from Toronto, battled with Bill Rodgers, an American and the 1975 winner in a record 2hr 5min 55sec, and Finland's Ida Tikkanen for the lead during much of the race

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home by 1.5m

Boston, April . 18.—Jerome Drayton, a 32-year-old Canadian,

Marathon today before an esti-mated crowd of 1.5 million liming

lead during much of the race
Drayton, who won his third
marathon at Fukuoka, Japam, last
December, poiled away from
Rodgers near the end in an impressive display of endurance.
Officials said 2,933 runners
started the race, of whom 126 were
women, who compete in their own
division.—Reuter.

TALLAHASSEE, Florida: Open tourna-ment: 276. E. Sneed, 53, 70, n3, 70; L. Hinkle, 70, 69, 69, 68; 278, R. Walzel; 279, J. Simons, J. Ewing; 280, W. Rogors, D. Bayes (SA); Colo, E. Doughery, R. Cole (SA);

Decision awaited on Danseuse Etoile

French Racing Correspondent

Paris, April 18 Angel Perm, the trainer of

Noftingham programme

2.0 TAYERN HANDICAP (3-0.: 24.9: 1m)
1 00001- "Valleo of Blamones, W. Wayton,
2 0000- Sastidos Bowis, H. Nicholcon, 9-0
2 223140. Miss. Diama. (C. Hill. 8-10
4 002200- Dashise Bavis, E. Rray, 8-10
6 000-1 berry Girl. H. Bohan, 8-9
8 000-40 Casin, G. Birn, 8-5
9 000-6 Track Blues, R. Mason, 8-2
10 0000- Sas Miner, H. Wastbrook, 8-0
11 00000- Sas Miner, H. Wastbrook, 8-0
12 00000- Sas Miner, H. Wastbrook, 8-0
13 00000- Reyal Branch, R. Wilson, 7-7
13-8 Lory Girl, 3-1 Miss Dhine, 11-2 Basildon 10-1 Challa, 14-1 others.

20 TAVERN HANDICAP (3-y-o : £429 : 1m.50vd)

2.30 LORDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £919: 1m 50yd)

EO TRENT BRIDGE HANDICAP (£889 : 2m)

Angel Perms, the wather of Dansouse Etoile, the second favourine for the 1,000 Guineas, nold me today that he would make a firm decision as to the filly's participation in the Newmarket race after a sulfop at Chantilly lengths to space over her nearest on Wespeeday. Dansouse Etoile

won her only race, the Prix de Chaillot, at Loogchamp on Easter Monday, by three lengths and has since been the subject of much speculation as to her next race.

This afternoon at St-Cloud Penna trained another uncared fills.

Trained another uncared fills.

Jack Cunnington, jnr, whose Pharly has figured in the antepost betting on the 2,000 Guineas, said today that it would be King of Macedon who would represent him in the classic and not Pharly. Mancica Philippeon, the stable Maurica Phillipson, the stable

002-0 021004-10-8 Royal Friend, 3-1 Gray Creature, 5-1 Aberoat, 7-1 Duke's Cirl, 10-1 Showaddyweddy, 12-1 Heavenry Lhoir, 14-1 Swing High, 16-1 cliers. 4.30 OVAL STAKES (Div I: 3-y-0 maidens: £822: 1;m)

1 020- Badalos, H. Cecil, 9-0 ... J.
2 030-0 Bearries, R. Hollinshead, 9-0 ... J.
3 00- Coquito's Prince, B. Hanbury, 9-0 ... B. R. O. Statishes, J. O. Statis

5.0 OVAL STAKES (Div II : 3-y-o maidens : £818 : 11m)

Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.30 Arctic Tribune. 3.0 Top Straight, 3.30 Loppingdales, 4.0 March Music. 4.30 Badajos 5.0 Palaver.

4.0 HEADINGLY STAKES (3-y-o: £812: 6f)

330 OLD TRAFFORD STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: £764: 5f)

Epsom programme |Television (IBA) : 2.30, 3.5 and 3.35 races |

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2.0 CUDDINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £876: 5f) Divine Glider, M. Haynes, 8-6 ... G. Levils, 7
Double Mirago, G. Smyth, 8-6 ... G. Levils, 7
Hallan Holiday, P. Cort. 8-1 ... H. Middleon 5 11
Hallan Holiday, P. Cort. 8-1 ... H. Middleon 5 11
Hight Owl, A. Pitt, 8-6 ... H. Rouse 1
Balcara, D. Dale, 8-5 ... H. Rouse 1
G. Balcara, D. Dale, 8-5 ... H. Cortain 8
G. Bellow, P. Kellowny, 8-5 ... H. Carson 6
G. Bellow, P. Kellowny, 8-5 ... H. Carson 6
G. Bellow, P. Kellowny, 8-5 ... H. Lynch 10
G. Bellow, P. Kellowny, 8-5 ... H. Lynch 10
G. Bellow, M. Kellowny, 8-5 ... H. Lynch 10
G. Bellow, M. Millson, 8-5 ... H. Piggott 8
G. H. Might Owl, 4-1 Snocking Miss, 5-1 Enby Arco, 6-1 Toop Tomasy, 8-1
Double Mirage, 11-1 The Hit Man, 14-1 Hallan Holidor, Equity, 16-1 others. 230 BUNEURY STAKES (2-y-o c and g: £818: 5f) ...

35 GREAT METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (£2,239: 24m)

4.10 EPSOM HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,618; 11m) 11-4 Carriage Way. 7-2 Bedford Lodge, S-1 Glesating Waye, 6-1 R 8-1 Oriental Rocket, 12-1 Nordman, Take A Laker, 14-1 others. 4.45 EVELYN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,721 : 7£ 11yd)

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16 Handalus, M. Prescott, 5-6

17 Handalus, M. Prescott, 5-6

17 Handalus, M. Prescott, 5-6

17 Handalus, M. Prescott, 5-7

18 Handalus, F. Handalus, 5-6

18 Handalus, F. Handalus, 5-7

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Epsom selections By Our Racing Correspondent 1 2.0 Night Owl. 2.30 Go Laker. 3.5 Matinale. 3.35 SAROS is specially recommended. 4.10 Bedford Lodge. 4.45 Star Prince. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Equus. 4.10 Bedford Lodge. 4.45 Star Prince.

Perth NH programme 2.15 BLACK WATCH HURDLE (Handicap: £379: 2m)

Calcibeck (D), D. MacDorneill, 7-12-3 ... J. Goulding 7 ... Listercombe (D), D. Nicholson, 6-11-12 ... J. Goulding 7 ... Listercombe (D), L. Nicholson, 6-11-12 ... J. O'Neill Young Ta-mas, J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... No. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... No. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... No. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... No. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... No. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... No. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. Web 7 ... N. J. Turner, 7-11-10 ... N. J. Turner, 7-11-10

4.45 ATHOLL NOVICES HURDLE (4y-o Novices: £340: 2m)

6-3 Beachmella, 3-1 Nollies Lad, 4-1 Mr Mcist, 6-1 Bloom, 10-1 King Reay, 12-1 Musical Echo, 20-1 site Perth selections 2.15 Indian Delight. 2.45 Scorton Boy. 3.15 Sun Lion. 3.45 Collingwood. 4.15 Super Chant. 4.45 Nellies Lad.

Hannon's mixed fortune

When Firesilk beat Soldier Rose in the Town Purse Handicap at Brighton yesterday, he left his owner, Ron-Tenty, only two short of the milestone of 50 winters. "I hope to make the half-century at Sandown this week.

half-century at Sandown this week.

"I have three good chances with September Daby on Friday and Commandant and Thirty Days on Saturday", Mr Tenty said. Whatever happens at the weekend. Firesilk can play his part again when he runs at Bath on Monday.

It was a day of mixed fortune for Richard Hannon, a trainc... It started well when Casbah Lady won the Orleans Stakes to take Hannon's score to five this season. Civic Commotion dominated the market but never looked like

The combination of Bannon and Peter Madden went close to besting another favourite. Hyver Hill, with Murmarch in the Brighton Borough Stakes. Madden was within three-quarters of a length of the winner and Private Line, a close third, hampered entering the last furlong, was also unlucky. Hannon also had two non runners—Bright Swan in the Prince of Wales Stakes and Sound Jiff whom he withdrew from the Confians Handicap, which cost him the fixed penalty of £30. The course was passed fit for racing only last Wednesday after extensive remedial measures. Indeed, some jockeys reported that the surface was rough and loose. surface was rough and loose.

Brighton results

TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 32p, 10³-p; forecast, 80m; R. Hannon, at Mari-brough, 61, 41, 1min 04-92/sec.

Nottingham

was no hid for the winner.

3-0 (5.1) CALL BOY MANDICAP
(21.217: 1m 51)
Sievny Princese. cb m. by Bailymoss—Lrugano.
Lrugano.
L Sir Percival, 7 rad.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 15p, 14p; dual forecast, 61p, N. Calladhan, Newmorkel, Canberra did not rue.

3.50 (3.72) SUNSTAR STAKES (2-y-e): 276; 31; Maystreak—Jaicion (A. Saipe), 9-0 M. Birch (4-1) 1

Edinburgh Trans. Cruz. 19g: places. 104-8, 11p. 15p; dual forecast. 18p. T. Craiq. at Dunhar. 2'-1, 1'-1.

Grant Attraction. C. Eccleston 1 (100-50, [SY]) Ramphil (4-1) 3 Ramphil (4-1) 3 Ramphil (4-1) 4 (4-1) 4 (4-1) 4 (4-1) 5 (4-1) 4.15 (4.18) DALMENY HANDICAP

run. TOTE DOUBLE: Hyer Hill and Fire-sik, 52,05. TREBLE: Nise Kung Fu, Village idel and Chuizroe, £63,25.

4.0 (4.8) FELSTEAD HANDICA

4.95. J. W. Walls. IN MCRISCH. 1.1.

4.45. 16.15. INVERESK STAKES (25.15. Lm.)

BERNICE CLARE, ch. f. by Skr.

Market J. Seagrave (5-2. fev. 1

Stuck Up. C. DUIBlaid (7-2) 2

Gallsway, S. Salmon (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Ready Stady Go.

10-1 Camp David and Sharson, 12-1 Str.

Doublet 401, 14-1 Reportalingly.

Inch Broom Lad. Veloutine and Mr. Higgins (8), 33-1 Yellow Size, Ribo Jock and Tolkons Galf. 16 ran.

TOTS: Win. 670: places, 219, 220, 179, J. Hanson, M. Wethertoy, 21, 11

TOTE DOUBLE: Fairman and Uthairus of France and Hernice Care, 190.90.

for the third day in succession.

Demonstrators protesting against Sonth Africa's racial policies rushed on to the court at the Newport Beach tennis club before play started yesterday and began to unfuri a banner. After a brief scuffle with police, tournament officials and Tony Trabert, the American team captain, the five men and five women were taken to jail to be charged with trespossing.

On Satorday, two black men

ing and carrying protest posters.

Ray Moore, the South African team captain, later praised the reactions of the officials, and the spectators to the disturbances, "I was very happy with the crowd and the officials. All week police have been wonderful about this whole thing. It was a real boost ", he said. "South Africa is such an unpopular country in the world forum that when you have that kind of crowd reaction, and Trabert doing what he did, and the officials, if really makes you feel good."

Moore had the sympathy of a Bright Swan did not run.

4.0 (4.8) TOWN PURSE MANDICAP
(21.019: 1*0m)
Firesilk. b h. by Firestreak—SilkTabard (A. Tenty): 6-8-5
Seidler Rose . B. Taylor (9-2) 2
Crimson Coon . D. Cullon (7-1) 3
- ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mot Cross Bun.
13-2 Aninway: 16-1 Hill Station, importal Family, 30-1 Busied Fiddle, 35-1 Bally Honey (4th; Schway, Amitality, 11 run.

TOTE: Will, John Blaces, 15p. 1-20, 301, G. Baldne, at Weyhill, 24-6, 61, 2011, 35-21sec. Live Spark did not run.

feel good."

Moore had the sympathy of a capacity crowd yesterday as he beat Roscoo Tanner, 9—7, 6—4, 5—7, 6—2 to prevent a clean sweep by the United States. Moore, who is 30 and a Davis Cup vettran of 10 years, earned his fourth victory in five matches over the rost year against the 2min 53.21sec. Live Spark do not run.

1.30 (4.35) CONFLANE MANDICAP
(£1.170: 10) W Kibenka—Wild Words (T. S. Smith), 5-8-9 (T. 1) 1

Crown Major R. Brook (T. 1) 1

Scott Higgs W Warrack (2.5) 3

Jack Higgs W S. 2 Nov Raddy's Lock.

2.3 Economy Indian Math. 7-1 Silling Chastle, 8-1 Yankel (4th 1.30-1 Andrew, Charchillian, 25-1 Welcome Guest, Charles Higgs Charles (2.5) Welcome Guest, Charle

Tavrina . P. Edder; (3-5, fay) 2 Near the Mark . L. Jukason (9-2) 3 ALSO RAN: 14-1 Downk (4th). 16-1 Tatta River, 20-1 Najran, 25-2 Command, Jet Lay, Sammery Gambler, Seriki and Penwood, 11 ran. form on the current tennis tour, defeated Byron Bertram, 5—4, 6—3, 6—4.

Ice skating

(1895: 3f)
Sicasanta. cb. s., by Sitz Dua-Christmas Rush ISIr D. Vestey)
5-7-7. E. Johnson (15-8, fay)
Harter Warten, S. Jarcia (13-1)
Haberdasher, I. Johnson (20-1)
Also RAN: 7-1 Songs First 8-1
Nusical Pirce (4th. and Panglims, 9-1
Suplember Sky, 10-1 Silver Camp.
24-1 Codebrasker, John Cay, Power
and Glott 2nd Old Car. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 12p, 18p.
3cp. P. Condell. at Compton. 1-2. A. O. (A. D.). MAMNA STAINS (3.5.0);
21.013: Im Soyd:
Lady Mason, ch. f. b. Buntercombe
—Russlan Princes: Al. ArmsLage:, B-11 P. Edder! (7-4, Iay);
7 Tritonia. . . . J. Mercer (5-1);
2 Nicolene. . . A. Bond (6-1);
2 ALSO RAN: 11-2 Peneuk I-well, D-1
Diamond Day, Spring of Manica and
Sir Galiva, 13-1 Iran-Direct in:, 16-1
Jone Rejona, 30-1 Reasonably Royal
and Kingy Valver (4th:, 33-) Courlocahall, Spearger Ballanene, Burglars
Boy, Deenair, Pytchies (7-1, Tamalinden Tillia and Wordeline, 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; pieces, 16p, 27p,
33p, P. T. Walwyn 2: Lambourn, 11.
hht; hd. DOUGLIS: Stormly Princesa and
Siccisnis: 2002.50. TRESLE. Nover
Tell, Maysus and Lady Nason, 2177.50.

Grattien Tonna, of France, has been nominated as the official contender to Alan Minter's European middleweight boxing title. The final date for negotiations is June 8, after which the contest will be open to purse offers.

Denton Ruddock and John L. Gardber, both from London, will meet in a British heavyweight boxing championship eliminating bout at the Albert Hall on May 10.

For the record

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Now York Mots 4, Chicago Cubs 0: Momircal Expot 3, Philadeignia Philips 1: St Louis Cardinals 4, Pilusburgh Pirates 5: Alimia Braves 5, Honsten Astros 4: Chainnail Reds 4, San Dieco Padres 1: Los Angeles Dodgers 7, San Francisco Games 6.

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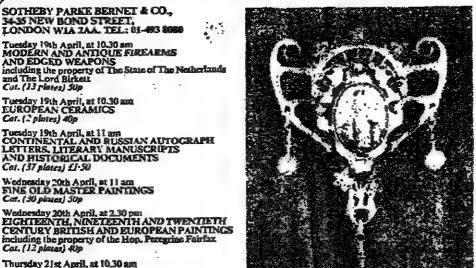
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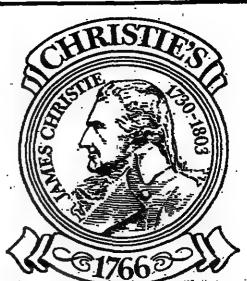
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Fundamentally we are con-cerned with modes of communication and many do not seem to realize that we already have in existence a useful termino-logs which describes and illuminates the basic skills with which we should be endeavouring to endow each future citi-

The psychologist, J. P. Guil-ford, has claimed that there can be as many as 120 different aspects of intelligence but whatever the number the range may be grouped into four basic types which also encompass the four basic modes of communi-cation among human beings.

The first type to evolve seems to have been spatial ability. Animals possess emough spatial ability for route finding and for exploring the environment in search of food. This is the beginning of highly civilized skills such as map reading and spatial planning. The second type to evolve emerged with the higher animals, who can communicate with each other by means of social noises. Here we see the beginnings of civilized oral language and all other forms of social intelligence. The first type to evolve seems

forms of social intelligence. Thirdly, after the evolution of man, there came written communication and with it permanent records and the hunding on of information which allowed civilization to escalate. Finally, there has evolved the human faculty for dealing with numerical symbols, which has grown into the field of mathematics with all its practical applications.

In a brain as highly evolved as that of a human being the potential for all types of ability is inborn, but none of them can come to full fruition without education. We cannot for example, moster written lang-uage without being taught by definite procedures, and a special word exists for the special word exists for the educated product of these procedures—literacy.

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Numeracy literate and illiterate, has proved to be so potent that in 1959 the Crowther Commission recognized the need for a Articulacy Graphicacy

similarly potent term to stress the importance of educated numerical ability. The word coined to fill the gap-numeracy—is now in general use along with the adjectives numerate and innumerate. Aimost unnoticed, the term articulacy has crept in from the pre-existing adjective, articulate, to express ability in social intercourse. However, the educated counterpart of visual-spatial ability remained unnamed until recently.

In the choice of a word to describe visual-spatial ability one must first ask the question, what exactly does this form of communication involve? It is fundamentally the communication of spatial information that cannot be conveyed adequately by verbal or numerical means; for example, the plan of a town, the picture of a distant place, the pattern of a drainage network or relief map; in other parts of the relief map; in other words the whole field of carto-

words the whole field of carto-graphy, computer-graphics, photography, the graphic arts and much of geography itself. All of these words contain the root "graph" which seems a logical stem for graphicact, which can then stand alongside literacy, numeracy and articulacy to describe the four basic skills of communication which should underpin our educational structure.

Graphicate and ingraphicate

Graphicate and ingraphicate follow by analogy and we thus bave a basic set of nouns and adjectives to describe the mode of communication and whether any one person is or is not trained in the particular skill. Each of the four basic modes of communication can also be either "incoming" or ourgoing" according to the direction of the flow of information. The table shows the complete coverage of the four modes of communication which have been distinguished.

These four modes do not of

Words may be inadequate in a time of grief, and warmth of touch may communicate much more. A glauce or flick of the eyelids between lovers may express feelings that need no words, numbers or diagrams. But these methods of communication are not academic and interdational sign language. underpinnings which can be

effectively taught.

Both in Britain and in North America, where emphasis is placed on literate and numerate work in the middle and upper work in the middle and upper age ranges, the early natural graphicate ability is often not allowed to develop, to the detriment of many pupils. This may provide the explanation of something that is certainly puzzling to university teachers in Britain where it is often found that students with quite poor examination results before poor examination results before university do extremely well in engineering, architecture, and planning on arrival at univer-

ity. The converse is often true for geography, in which it is almost notoriously difficult to obtain a first-class degree. It seems that the individual who excels in the indicidual who excels in literacy, numeracy and graphi-cacy (all needed in good mea-sure by the first-class geo-grapher) is indeed rare. If we are testing for only one or two of these abilities the statistical chances of "good" results are that much greater.

Graphicacy has an important

that much greater.

Graphicacy has an important message for primary schools. Visual-spatial ability is liberally present in young children. Most of them spontaneously draw pictures and maps long before they learn to read. We should cultivate this natural instinct and develon the graphicate ability. It seems that the start of school life is not too early to begin life is not too early to begin bridging the gap between what the brain can do for itself and what has to be explicitly

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to have settled on a basic core for the curriculum by instinct rather than logic. But should we not now begin to talk about the "Four Aces" rather than the "Three Rs"? W. G. V. Balchin

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It is significant that in France
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and graphicate we have an immediate indication of what the school foundation subjects should be. Articulary and literacy will be clearly derived from the study of English, or whatever the native language, and numeracy from the study of mothematics. If is only in the study of geography, powever, that the possibility exists at school level of a wide and rigorous training in graphicaty. Geography, which will, of course, embrace much cartography, thus emerges as a foundation subject along with English and mathematics. It is perhaps significant that several British public examining boards already record that the three largest subjects at the Ordinary level of examination are precisely these three subjects.

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cacy. The incoming or reading aspect has been given a great

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Problems in legislating to help the homeless



The latest government report on home-lessness, published last month, shows that during the first half of last year, 26,140 homeless households applied for help to the local authorities, an increase of 600 applicants since the beginning of 1975.

Large though these figures are, they have been criticized for presenting too rosy a

The report also suggested that the figures should be treated cautiously, since it seems highly likely that only a proportion of the homeless have been accurately counted. There are several reasons for this. First only those who apply to local authorities are recorded—no account is taken of those who go straight to the voluntary societies. Secondly, it is far from certain that all those who do apply to the local authorities are recorded. Social workers tend not to record applications from people who are not eligible for help, or who they know cannot be helped (and whose hopes they are in any case reductant to raise).

The situation is further confused by the different criteria of elizibility laid down by different local authorities. A 1974 government circular made an attempt to define at least the various priority groups —"all those who are vidnerable on the housing marker" including "families with dependent children living with them with dependent children fiving with them or in care, adult families or people living alone who become homeless either in an emergency such as fire or flood, or are vulnerable because of old age, disability or other special reasons. In practice, however, many people who fall into these categorics, and especially the single homeless, both young and old, are simply referred to voluntary societies, whose services are often statutorily overcrowded.

Even having dependent children does Even having dependent children does not necessarily mean that a family gets help. Dorset Council recently had a case

even if they go against accepted guidance and practice. (The criteria used by Dorset exclude families with fewer than two dependent children from help as romeless families.) What are the causes of homelessness, and what can be done about it? The

is allowed to decide their own criteria-

government report showed that 38 per cent of cases are a result of a dispute with family or friends. Eviction by landlords accounted for 11 per cent, tent arrears for only 7 per cent. Two mutually exacerbating processes are at work—the reduction in the size

of households and a decline in cheap remed accommodation. Larger families rement accommodation. Larger families are being replaced by smaller families; single households almost doubled between 1961 and 1971, to just over three million. The young and the old are living less with their families. In addition many young people are facing a vicious circle of alienation brought about by unemployment and unsatisfactory living conditions which crupts not only in homelessness but in social unrest. There is little likelibut in social unrest. There is little likelihood of reversing the trend. Some local authorities, Canutelike, faced with an influx of young homeless into their areas, send them back to their parents, but it is not likely that Johnny stays at home for long.

Cheap rented accommodation tradi-tionally used by smaller households has declined by some 2.2 million lettings over the past 20 years. Although these reduc-tions have been offset by equivalent increases in the public sector and housing associations, allocation procedures in these sectors suil tend to exclude the small family and single person. family and single person.

What is the Government trying to do?

In December 1975 Mr Reg Freeson amounced a new Bill on homelessness to be introduced late in 1976. The Bill has been presented, not by the Department of the Environment but as a private member's Bill. It had its second reading on Kebrusty 18 At 18 As on February 18. At the moment responsibility and resources for the problem are hereafted. bility and resources for the problem are split, in many local authorities, between the County Social Services Department (responsibility), and the District Housing Councils (resources). The transfer of responsibility to the housing departments suggested by the DoB in 1974 has been carried out in only two thirds of the authorities. Where it has not been transferred, up to 14 homelessness policies may exist in a single county area.

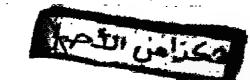
The Government has now announced its intention of placing a statutory duty of the last departments which should at least housing departments which should be a least housing department. housing departments which should at least take account of the fact that homelessness is a housing problem rather than one of social pathology. But laying down precisely defined statutory duties is in itself no easy matter. What counts as being homeless? Should local authorities find homes for every homeless person capitals. homes for every homeless person coming into their area? How, given the shorting of accommodation, can priorities be established among the many applicants?

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It is cledrly difficult to solve the home lessness problem by legislation without an accompanying increase in resources. The very least that can be hoped for is that the new Bill will remove the present administrative chaos. Whether or not it will fielp to stem the increase in the numbers of homeless is another issue.

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The exhibition of German Nagy. When Ilya Ehrenberg Art 1910-1939 at Fischer Fine visited the Bauhaus in 1927 he Art, Apocalapse and Utopia, was critical of its utopianism, but saw in Kandinsky a moderating influence. This is no barbarian, no blunt prophet of an imaginary 'America'. No, this is more likely a Roman of the third century . . a man who loves various epochs and

has not made an idol . . . out

Before the First World War Germany was perhaps the most powerful industrial nation on earth. In the Twenties it was humikiared by defeat and drained by barsh and excessive reparations. Expressionism in prewar Germany was a proper product of the First Program of the First World War many was a reaction against militarism and industrialism—a reaction which had taken place earlier, during the nineteenth century, in England (Germany had industrialized later), Alone

is not a celebration of speed and machinery, like Bada's drawings and paintings of motorcars. But it does attempt to show a contemporary street scene from the vicepoint of someone inside a cor. And as such it must be, I should have thought, unique in German painting of the time. The Beckmanns (there are

three altogether) are, apart from the kandinskys, the painulogs upstairs. ii nest Except for the picture of the car they are much later than anything else in this section (1934 and 1946). In the caralogue, Norbert Lynton writes that "Backmann's work in olls and his graphics though associsted with the New Objectivity of the Twenties, recall the uuroblographical focus of Die Brücke". This is true up to a point, although Beckmann always declared that he was not an Expressionist. By com-parison with the Brücke work, Beckmann's painting appears for more assured and intelligent. The Brileks works upstairs at the Fischer look sending and servetureless. This is partly because the selection is weak, but largely ecause the paintings by the group, particularly Millier and Pechstein, are nearly always yearoing and listless. The exception is Schmidt-Rottliff, the roughest of the Brücks



George Grosz: Akt, c. 1919

ings and prints by Grosz and some superb satirical coloured drawings by Karl Arnold, whose work is little known in England. One Dix's hyper-realist portrait of Johanna Ey sercests one with a terrifying store 25 one enters the gallery. Downstairs, besides the Kan-dinskys, are two good constructivist paintings by Moholy-Nugy which seem to float on the will an excellent selection of klees, some Schiemmers, and a good choice of Schwitters, including a sprange wood-

en sculpture much like Brancusi's Bird in Space. The exhibition is built around the Guest Book of Alfred and Thekla Hess. The Hesses run a shoe factory in Erfurt. They were pairons and collectors, and artists, art historious, writers and musicians visited their house. Many artists left drawings or watercolours in the guest book, among them Feininger, Kan-dinsky, Heckel, Klees, Müller, Pacinstein, Rohlfs and Schmidt-Rotthuff, Some of these are on show ar the Fischer.

Alfred Hess died in 1931. Thokia Hess and their son Hans settled in York in 1939. Hans Hess became the director of the City Art Gallery and

artists. White House (Week-End House) is a particularly Sussex University, a Marxist strong and energetic painting. are historian with a devoted following. He died two years logs and priors by Grosz and ago at about the time his book George Grosz was published.

One of the lesser-known artists in the Fischer show is Arthur Segal, who was born in Romania of Jewish parents, but worked in Germany. (In 1936 he emigrated to London, where he lived until his death.) There are two curious compartmentalized paintings compartmentalized paintings and a plaster relief of a village street. A collection of Segal's drawings (which were in many ways more interesting than his paintings; is on show at the Alpine Club (74, South Audley Street, W1) until April 30, organized by Richard Nathanson, who has also published a series of Segal's woodcuts from the actional blocks. the original blocks. These will be on show at the Ashmolean, Oxford, from May 10 to July 3. Important XIX & XX Century Works on Paper at the Lefevre Gallery (till May 14) contains three Kandinsky watercolours which supplement the Fischer

The collage by Eduardo Paclozzi reproduced in last week's review was made from a Picture Post cover of Fred Astaire and Rica Hayworth, not Gioger Rogers as I mistakenly

Paul Overv

by the Spanish police for pho-tographing a leftist demonstra-tion did not affect an excellent Messiah and a rather less accomplished Mass in B minor under John Pritchard. said one of the young sopranos to me in Barcelona, referring to the cheerful acceptance of

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demands made by twice-weekly rehearsals, performances recordings and travel travel. recordings and travel. Employers, one supposes, must be extra considerate, families tolerant, and colleagues (in the case of doctors, nurses and teachers in the chorus) ready to fill in. In July and August there will again be a festival engagement at Orange, where the chorus will for the first time act as well as sing in Reachancen's Fidelia. tolerant, and colleagues (in the Beethoven's Fidelio.

New Philharmonia Orchestra, with whom their two latest recordings (shortly to be released) were made: the Vivaldi Gloria and Magnificat,

vivalen Gioria and Magnificat, under Riccardo Muri, and the Brahms Deutsches Requiem, under Lorin Mazzel. Earlier this month they were again in Barcelona, where the brief arrest of two chorus members has the Spanish college for the

Its fortbooming twentieth antiversary will still leave the New Phylharymonia Chorns a youngster beside such cen-tenarious as the Royal Choral Society and the Each Choir. From these and other choirs with a mainly British tradition of perfurmence and repertory, the New Philharmonia sharply distinguishes esself in having its chorus-master fly in weekly from Vienus to take rehear sals. He is Norbert Bolatsch, choral director to the Bayreuth Festival as well as to the

Vicinia State Opera.
Originally, as the Philharmonia Chorus, it was created by Walter Legge to complement the Philharmonia Orchestra. William Pits, a predecessor of Balansch's at the Bayrenth Festival, was its first chorus-master. Splendid as was its opening performance of Beathoven's Ninth Symptony at the Festival Hell under Klemperer in 1957, 1 remember belog not over-im-pressed. Since professional singers were brought in as reinforcement, why superior? But though this "stiffening" did not last, the standard did.

Like the orchestra, the chorus survived in later disbandment and rose unew-

|Singing for the love of it

Like any of today's leading musicians, they are used to air-ports, to hotels, to assessing the acoustics of a strange concert-hall. Yet they are senteurs. The New Philharmonia Chorus, consisting of some 200 London-based voices have uniquely distinguished themselves in foreign towring, as well as in gramophone recordings of major works under eminent conductors. row charterers at rehearsal is said to have been: "There is too much pleasure in the beaind!" recordings of major works under eminent conductors.

Last year they sang in Barcelona, Zurich, Ghent, Louvain, and Orange in the south of France. Both abroad and at the Festival Hall, their usual but not invariable partners, are the New Polihamponia Orchestry. Recordings under Klem-perer, Giulini, Barenboim and others increased the reputation of the chorus. Rafael Fribbeck

de Burgos contribused notably in recording an English-lan-guage Elijah (with Fischer-Dieskau) and an exhibitating Carmina Burgna, Paris, Madrid and Göteborg were among cities visited, and to the cen-tral thread of choral master-pleces were added such works as Schumann's Das Paradies und die Peri and Carl Nielsen's Hymnus Amoris, as well us Tippert's A Child of our Time. for did not affect an excellent for did not affect an excellent fessiah and a rather less Waker Hagen-Good of the complished Mass in B minor west Berlin Opera, Norbert Belatsch has been chorusmister since 1975. In Barcelona, feet astride, both arms elocuter has reliched the chorusmister since and the chorusmister since has a listed the chorusmister. quence, he relished the choose term engineers too much "eir" in the voice instead of a coucentrared musical tons. He takes Handel's "His yoke is easy" very fast very light and afterwards offers me the authorism: "The culture of a

> in its plano ".
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> No less decisive is the quality of the choir's manage-ment, "I run it like a busi-ness," says Charles Spencer, ness," says Charles Spencer, its Austrian-born chairman (and a rank-and-file bass). Being his own boss in the clothing trade, he devotes about four-fifths of his time to the chorus, travels widely to interview managements and artists, and thinks nothing of a £20,000 operation such as the Barcelons performances in-Barcelona performances in-volved. His non-singing wife, Germaine, administers the travel arrangements.

chorus is not in its force but

vel arrangements.

I'nder such purposeful direction, the New Philbarmonia Chorus shines. But is its standard, ironically, too high? The planned EMI recording, in Russian, of Prokofier's Ivan the Tamible of work in which it Terrible—a work in which it won plaudits at the Festivul Hall last season—has been caucelled after objection by Equity, representing professional singers. Equity's case is apparently that a commercial recording should use only professionals, except for "sacred" works and others firmly within the amateur choral tradition.

It seems likely that similar restrictions will be sought on the appearance of amateur choralists in concerts promoted by major professional orches-tras. The New Philharmonia Chorus will not be the only chorus to suffer in that event. and the public will perhaps suffer more still. Arthur Jacobs

Two poets interpreted in music challenged, though not really altered, by the tortuous vocal lines, excellently sung by Mary Thomas, and the music rotains writing least of all that of its wilder, darker moments.

its extreme spilness, its weird

elegance. Perhaps the real point

Nash Ensemble

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Peter Maxwell Davies's Fiddlers at the Wedding, which began the Nash Eusemble's ensemble on Sunday evening, is a setting of poems by George Mackay Brown. These, with their oblique descriptions of such activities as peat cutting, outline a par-row, deprived life, or one that disciplined consumers, Certainly its remotenes is mirrored in Davies's instrumentation, with pale flure melodies, chittering

percussion and fugitive tremelos on guitar and mandolin. This seeming emptiness is Yorkshire Baroque

as the composar calls it, of Emily Brooks. Proceeding at a appears so, to us well slow, medicative pace throughthe poems, and on the disrylesters that are all she left in the visionary intensity of this

in, which had its first performance, antempts the considerably more difficult task of portraying the "spiritual biography out, this draws not only on Withering Beights but also on the way of a journal. At no point does the music approach

is that the originality of expres-sion is no less pungent for the sound being so attenuated. best a suggestion of atmosphere. Sometimes, indeed, it was more of a distraction from Gordon Crosse's World With-Dorothy Tutin's sensitive read-ing, confirming that Emily Bront's words, for all their Brothe's words, for all their multiple resonances, are aggressively complete in themselves. Some of the text was sungagain very well by Mary Thomas—and the combination of speaking and singing voices suggested possibilities that might be exploited to good effort alcorder But it would effect elsewhere. But it would need a more complex musical organism that this adequately to reflect the rich interior life suggested by Bmily Bronte's verse and prose.

Soloists Purcell Room

Thomas Walker

The group of musicians around Peter Seymour, known as the Yorkshire Baroque Soloists, brought an ingratiating collection of cantatas and concertos to the Purcell Room on Sunday evening. They are well placed to approach a wide range of music from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries since their number includes several players on early wind instruments as well as a slender but full com-plement of strings. Their approach is serious and their sound plausible, though the latter needs a good deal of ripening.

They made a singularly un-fortunate choice in Bach's Cantata 82, Ich habe genug. It exploited their every weakness: The endless, pliant phrases of its second aria "Schlummert ein" ill matched the string group's brusque, short-breathed style, and there was severe antagonism of into atom between oboe and violin. A stiff, sometimes forced, performance from the baritone Richard Jackson did little to help matters. Alan Hacker's interpretation

of a clarinet concerto by Johann (or just possibly Karl) Stamuz yielded happier results. Although it is, according to the programme note, the earliest known concerto for B flat clarinet, Mr Hacker, for tech-nical reasons, played it on a Mozartian instrument in A. He tossed off its runs and dashes with bright-toned aplomb.
In the cantata Su le Sponde

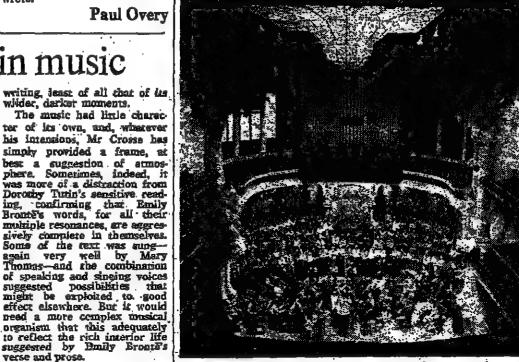
del Tebro, by Alessandro Scar-latti, written for soprano with trumpet obbligato, Mr Hacker damonstrated another aspect of his instrument's early history.
The clarinet probably originated as a substitute for the trumper, whose highest register was called "clarino". When given, as it was here, an idiomatic stumper part, it can produce an astounding likeness, particularly in the upper reaches.

Mr Hacker's moments of

militarism were nicely answered militarism were nicely auswered by Yvonne Seymour. She gave an assured performance, well articulated, if a bit breathy; her Italian was, I fear, less of the tebro than of the tamigi. Earlier she was joined by Nicholas McGegan, flute, for a graceful reading of the cantata Non Sa Che Sia Dolore, attri-buted to J. S. Bach, I do not believe a note of it. believe a note of it.

the final climax seemed less than comfortable. would be no bad idea if, using the prelude as first movement, McCabe were to develop it into For the rest the programme was divided between those two good friends, Britten and Shostakovich Britten was repre-sented by the Sinfonia da

sented by the Sinfonia da Requiem, and perhaps it was its influence that made Mr Previn so very slow and grave in the first and third move-ments of Shostakovich's fifth symphony; the Largo was so profound an elegy that there seemed little hope of victory in the finale—though it eventually came. Nevertheless the more concentrated and convincing of the two readings was Britten's Sinfonia, its opening "Lacrymosa" sustained with fine cumulative intensity, its "Dies irae" macabre in brilliance, and its " Requiem aeternam " bring-



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As a reminder that the LSO's As a reminder that the LSO's concert under André Previn on Sunday was given in honour of the silver jubilee, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was there to listen to a programme starting with a new curtain-raiser by John McCabe called Jubilee Prelude.

"Prelude" was apt. So brief a piece could scarcely have been called an overture. Yet it is more than a fanfare although growing from fanfare-like motifs, which are taken over

McCabe were to develop it into a succinct little Jubilee Suite. The guest soloist was Dame Janet Baker, who can always be relied upon to turn a concert into an occasion. In five of Duparc's songs with orchestra she offered a feast of sensuously beautiful sound as well as all her customary response to mood and individual words. Not often can the voice have emerged more voluntuous than emerged more voluptuous than in "L'Invitation au voyage" and both here and in "La Vie antérieure", there was lovely shading from the orchestra too. But all five brought personal

touches, like the footsteps on the stairs in "Au pays où se from bress and percussion by fait la guerre" and the wealth its "Requier calls its "second verse". The brass scoring is ear-catching. It rest in "Philyle" where only than to end, of meaning in the invitation to ing a Stravinsky-like benedic-

This notice is reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

sublime that, having just heard pay for the days they were on of it, I am now taking the first opportuni y of communicating it to the world at large. After all, the invention of the wheel, the telescope, the compass, the in- machine, I meant that it seemed ternal combustion engine and to offer the world infinitely more. That remains true; but on close inspection the dustknife would have done the men's idea has much in comworld little good if their inventors had never managed to It has, you might say, disposed spread the news among those who could see, and pursue, the enormous potential in such devices. And thus it is with the doings at Richmond, where what has been invented is no mere perpetual-motion machine or faster-than-light spacecraft, but a principle of living that, in its simple but all-embracing nature, is as potentially revolutionary as Christianity, Marxism, demoracy or the electrically-operated bread knife.

To what unknown here we owe the discovery I cannot tell you; Richmond is silent upon the subject, and by its very nature it is likely to have been one of those notions that come out of a general discussion, without a particular individual baving sat up at a particular moment and said: "Wait s principle of such immeasurable benefit to the world does not four complainers." strike me as being the kind who would care much for the concomitant glory. This much, at any rate, is known: he was a

The dustmen of Richmondupon-Thames are on strike. That
is not particularly surprising;
most dustmen, in most places,
are on strike most of the time.
Indeed, the dustmen of Chelsea
Indeed, the dustmen of chelsea
Indeed, the heave been on strike The dustmen of Richmondare said to have been on strike continuously, apart from a short take, break towards the end of each year, when they collect their Christmas-boxes, since the end of the Crimean War. Nor is it any use my trying to explain the causes of the strike; though I could tell you the difference between homoousian and homoiwithout hesitation.

I could distinguish readily between St Athanasius and of Basil or between Clement and Origen, though if you blindfolded me and spun me round thrice I could still, when I had come to rest, tell Vanessa Redgrave from Paul Foot, yet no
Occam's Razor known to me is
sharp enough, and no hand
wielding it steady enough to
understand the reasons for the state of the stat grave from Paul Foot, yet no men going on strike. Suffice it remunerated. Even as late as (this much is established) that the postmen's strike of 1971, it (this much is established) that whatever the originel reasons was necessary for the strikers, for their ection, they were after returning to work, to stage an unofficial and unadmitted an unofficial and unadmitted "go-slow", in order to increase that were paid at basic "go-slow", in order to increase rates for the days they had been on strike and at bonus rates for collecting the backdog that had accumulated while, and because, they were on strike. Yet that beautiful, symmetrical and profitable idea is not the one I am referring to.
Now you will, I think, readily

concede that if a group of strikers demand not only to be paid for striking but to be paid extra for doing, in arrears, the work that they would have been doing if they had not been on strike, and I say that there is a strike, and I say that there is a jest even riper than that in the offing, what I have in mind must be a nonperell caper. And so k is, as you shall hear. For, on the 18th of March, the Eurough of Richmond gave in all the strikers' demands, in-

ding (there were others) the I have listed; whereupon, following Tuesday, the strik-dustmen rejected their own is and demanded, in

In the London Borough of addition and among other Richmond-upon-Thames there things, that they should be paid has been discovered a wheeze so a bonus as well as their basic

> When I said earlier that the discovery of the Richmond dustmen was not to be compared mon with a perpetuum mobile. of the entropy problem, since it is entirely circular and entirely self-contained; the dustmen go on strike and require to be paid extra for doing so.

It reminds me of a merry thought once explored on the Jimmy Edwards radio-show. It seemed that he and his con-federates had discovered a detergent-called, shall we say, Splonk—the manufacturers of which, confident of its quality, caused to be printed upon the packet a guarantee that, if the substance was found wanting, and the packet returned to the makers, two packets would be supplied free in return. Mr. Edwards claimed to have tested this promise by sending back a packet with a complaint, whereucon he was indeed sent two with no questions asked. Thus encouraged, he said, he had sent both of those back and received four packets without demur. And on sending those four back, moment and said: "Wait a minute—I've got an idea." But the man who could invent a principle of such immeasurable months ago.", says Jim briskly; "now we've got sit. packers and

> Of course, the literal-minded among you will retort that the Jimmy Edwards show was fiction and the Richmond dustmen are fact. That, in my view, is an over-simple view of the maton to a good thing, and no mis-take. For although the Rich-mond Council state unambiguously that they are not pre-pared to settle this dispute in such a way that the refuse colwould earn more than normal as a result of their action", everybody knows perfectly well that when a few weeks more rubbish has piled up, that is precisely what the council will do.

You must admit that a new and exciting principle will thereby have been introduced into our industrial relations. Once upon a time a man ran the risk of being at least temporarily out of pocket through going on strike, for even if a the number of hours' overtime worked until what had been lost had been made-up. Soon after that, though, it was generally conceded that in no circumstances were strikers to run the risk of sacrificing any income and it has therefore been the rule for some time now that time spent on strike is paid as though it was time spent at work.

And now the dustmen of neers |-have gone one further, and are to be paid extra for going on strike. They have put themselves to pain, said Jeremiah, but shall not profjereman, but shall not prot-it. Nous avons change tout cela; now they have not put themselves to pain, and shall profit. And Mr Michael Foot,

America's last approach to the Soviet Union never stood a chance

Why there can be no magic formula to stop the arms race

Not unexpectedly, the Soviet Union's recent rejection of two different American proposals for a new strategic arms agreement has spawned a variety of theories to explain this display of hard-nosed Russian be-haviour.

Observers sensitive to the political dimension of United States-Soviet relations have suggested that contrary to the Carter administration's hopes, the Soviet leadership used the occasion of the arms talks to signal its displeasure with President Carter's policy on human rights.

Students of Soviet negotiating behaviour have also specu-lated that party leader Brezhnev was merely interested in administration. If Mr Carter stands firm, it is suggested, the Soviets will come round.

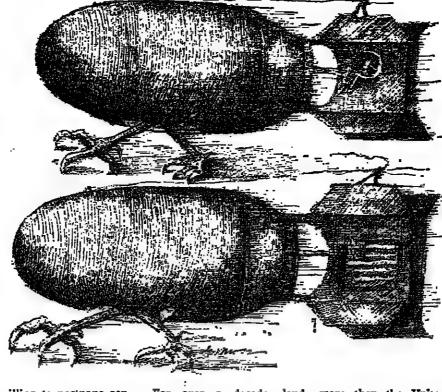
For its part, the administra-tion seems to have rejected the or that the human rights issue played an important role in the Soviet decision. Instead, Mr Carter has argued that the United States proposal calling for "deep cuts" in strategic forces was so innovative that the Soviet leadership was simply unprepared to consider its "dramatic" implications during Mr Vance's short visit. All these explanations probably contain some degree of truth, but they fail to address Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's charge that the administration's proposals "pursued the aim of getting uni-

lateral advantages for the United States at the detriment of the Soviet Union".

In fact, as the details of the two proposals slowly emerge, it is difficult to resist the conclusion that, from the Soviet perspective, the United States offers were unbalanced and thus unacceptable.

For a start, one of the pro-posals had already been re-jected by the Soviet Union in discussions with the Ford administration last year. This was to accept the 2,400 ceiling on ballistic missiles and long-range bombers agreed to at the Viadivostok summit in November 1974 and to defer to a later round of talks the troublesome questions of whether and how limits would be placed on the Sovier "Backfire" bomber and the United States Cruise

The Soviet Union is deeply concerned about the Cruise mis-sile and has repeatedly said that without constraints on its deployment, a new agreement is not possible. Thus, it is not surprising that Mr Brezhnev



was unwilling to postpone consideration of these low-flying

However, Soviet opposition to the United States proposal for reducing strategic missile and bomber forces is more difficult to explain. This plan—the administration's "preferred option"—would have reduced the Vladivostok ceilings for intercontinental missiles and bombers to 1,800 or so and would have also reduced the number of launchers equipped with multiple warheads (MIRV) from 1,320 to approximately 1,100. It would have also placed strict limits on the Cruise misthe United States proposal for strict limits on the Cruise mis-

sile.
Why then did the Soviet
Union turn it down? Despite the Administration's arguments, the answer does not seem to lie in Soviet unwillingness to countenance reductions. one thing, in negotiations last year with Henry Kissinger, the Soviet Government itself suggested that the forces of the two sides be reduced from the The answer, instead, appears to lie in the fact that the United States reductions proposal was not just designed to reduce strategic forces gener-

ally, but also sought to single

out a special category of weapons for reduction—land-

based missiles with MIRV.

For over a decade, land-based missiles have made up the largest single component of both United States and Soviet strategic forces. But with the widespread deployment of multiple warheads and the improvement of missile accuracies, analysts in the West have grown increasingly concerned over the ability of land-based missiles to survive attack. As a called for the two superpowers to move their nuclear

ballistic missile submarines.
It appears that this was what
Mr Carter's reductions proposal was, in part, designed to do. In addition to lowering overall ceilings for strategic forces and launchers with MIRV, the proposal also called for two additional ceilings on land-based missiles: a limit of 550 for land-based missiles with MIRV and, according to Gromyko, a 50 per cent reduc-tion of large payload, "heavy" missiles—which only the Soviet Union deploys.

These measures would have had a profound impact on Soviet strategic plans. To begin with, the Soviet Union places a based missiles than does the United States. Soviet landmore than the United States has) and over 80 per cent of the payload the Soviet Union could use in a nuclear attack is tied up in these systems.

At the same time, Soviet bomber and submarine capabombers number less than 150 and most are 20 years old. And while the Soviet Union is building up its submarine capabili-ties, for geographical reasons, it is sensitive about basing too much reliance on a sea-based deterrent. Significantly, while the United States keeps roughly half of its missile submarines at sea and in range of targets in the Soviet Union, only 15 per cent of the Soviet submarine force is estimated to be

at sea at any one time.

Mr Carter's proposal for reductions, then, undoubtedly raised troubling questions for Moscow. Under the Vladiyosok guidelines, the Soviet Union would have been permitted to replace almost all of its landpased missiles with MIRV versions. However, the United States reductions scheme would have had the effect of forcing the Soviet Union to modernize instead.

From the American perspecbased missiles now number tive, this was a step towards over 1,500 (almost 50 per cent greater strategic stability. Seen

to channel super-power strageographically and technologically dominated by the United

Thus, the Administration's two proposals were almost bound to fail. But this does not necessarily mean that they should not have been tabled. Particularly in the case of Mr Carter's proposal for mutual reductions, last week's episode in Moscow tells us something about Soviet attitudes and super-power arms control gener-

First, the Soviet Union does not, as some have argued, seem opposed to the general idea of reductions; it was the conditions under which they were to be imposed that bothered the Soviet leadership. In wider terms, while both

sides remain committed reaching a new agreement this year, neither can be expected to enter into an accord that is seen to run counter to its own definition of what constitutes deterrence. Second, while United States

negotiators should not be afraid to try out new ideas, the "shock effect" of new proposals should be minimized. Mr Gromyko's threat to re-introduce the sensitive question of United States sircraft based in Europe suto the negoriations—after they had been left out of the Vladivostok ceilings—indicated that this is a game that both sides can play.

Third, because the two sides riew their strategic relationship from very different perspec-tives, proposals that require a basic agreement on the nature of strategic problems are un-

likely to get very far.

The United States reductions scheme was clearly designed to do something about land-based missile vulnerability—a problem that the Soviet Union doesn't even appear to recognize. The strength of the Vladivostok approach, on the other hand, is that it provided the "elbow room" for each side to react to its own set of strategic con-

cerns.
Last week's encounter indicates, then, that there is a danger in asking more from arms control than it can deliver. There are many problems that formul negotiations, at least at the present, are unable to resolve. Exaggerating what the resolve. Exaggerating what the talks can accomplish is likely to make negotiations more difficult and it could also create expectations that a new agreement will inevisably disappoint.

Richard Burt

from the past

The recent four-day Hebrew congress in Vienna, sponsored by the World Hebrew Union and Vienna University, was of much wider interest than a routine gathering of scholars. One significant aspect was the par-nicipation of four Hebrew scholars from Poland—only one of them Jewish—two from Yugoslavia, and the Chief Rabbi of Romania, Dr Moses Rosen, a Hebrew scholar of

Hebrew, a

message

This was a non-political event, as was pointed out by the Austrian Minister of the Austrian Minister of Science and Culture, Frau Dr. Hertha Firnberg, in her address of greening to the opening session. Nevertheless, Hebrew happens to be the language of the state of Israel, and eastern block countries tend to have nd "diplomatic relations" with Hebrew as well as with Israel.

The overall theme of the congress was the idevelopment of Hebrew from the language of the Bible into the daily ver. or the Sible into the daily var-nacular of a highly technologi-cal society. There is no longer a division between "classical" Bebrew and "later." Hebrew. The Prophet Isaiah, if he were to reappear, could easily read the Hansard of the Knesset. (It would probably drive him to yet more furious admoni-tions but that is investigations. tions, but that is mother mat-ter.) On the other hand, mod-ern Israeli scientists can, and do, read the Bible in the origi-

Such a Phoenix-lke revival did not happen to Latin or Ancient Greek. No did it happen to any other ancient eastern tongue. The lish made a valiant entempt is revive Gaelic and did not become very well. The Scot never seriously tried. The Welsh, on the other hand, are on the way to becoming a blingual becoming a of Diaspora Jews know nodern Hebrew, and so they, to, are bilingual. To go into the rea-sons why some groups suc-ceeded and some did not would take more than a thorn

It transpired at the congress that scholars and writers of monolingual countries Britain, France, Italy took longer to accept the idea of bilingualism as a normal human condition than dd scholars from multilingual countries—Switzerland, Begium, Canada. The conclusions of the Vienna

congress have interesting implications for Hebrew studies in this country. At present, some of the great Hebrew some of the great neorew scholars are so immersed in "classical" Hebrew that they have no time for the spoken variety of our age. You find a strange phenomenon: the Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford or Cambridge is unable to speak a fluent modern Hebrew, and would be lost in a Tel Aviv supermarket (Not quite: the sales staff are usually bilingual, but this does not affect the argument.)

Professor Kurt Schubert, bead of the Oriental Institute fine Hebrew scholar, pointed out that he requires perfection in modern Hebrew also from his teacher of the Bible and classical texts. "Otherwise they cannot do their jobs properly."

The Professor of Hebrew at the University of Salzburg Father Suitbert Siedel, a Franciscan monk, presided over one of the sessions in full garb and in a beautiful Hebrew. He said he would never consider that he knew Hebrew if he wars not able to converse in ir freely and read the latest Tel Aviv pop poets. Professor Wirold 'tyloch. of Warsaw, addressed the congress in a good Hebrew. He wrote a Hebrew grammar, incorporating the newest twists of the language. language. Let me conclude with a que-

tation from the remarks of Chief Rabbi Dr Rosen: "We do not have to plead the acceptance of Hebrew. Almighty has seen to it by give ing Moses on Mount Sinai the Ten Commandments in Hebrew."

S. J. Goldsmith

Economics or ecology: Canada's policy on the environment is put to the test That study is expected to last from the New Democratic able maximum. At least one though he did not explain how, up to two years, and the comparty, official opposition to the other paper company operating. On the other, he has made it must undertake a Conservative Government in the north faces vimilar clear that one of his principal

Ottawa, April 18

A pian by which a British company would gain timber rights to a country-size tract of land in north-west Ontario has become a lively politicai issue in Canada. Under a memorandum of

understanding signed last autumn, the Read Paper Co would get first option on 19,000 square miles of virgin wilderness in the area of Ear Fells and Red Lake, 250 miles north-west of Lake Superior. Its intention is to erect a \$400m pulp and paper plant. The firm is a subsidiary of Read Paper Ltd., which is \$5 per cent owned by the British conglomerate, Reed International.

Despite the understanding with the Ontario provincial government, it will be years before Reed can obtain a licence to proceed with the huge project, and completion is not likely until the mid-19805.

profit. And Mr Michael Foot of course, will say "This is well within the terms of the social contract".

An environmental review board beaded by Mr Justice Patrick Hartt, of the Ontario Supreme Court, has been established to examine the ecological consequences of the plan.

You will probably want to know that 1977 will see the victory of the world people's revolution led by the party committee of the Workers' Institute of Marxism-Leninism-

Mao Tse-tung Thought and beloved Chairman Hua, I am

by storm" declared a recent issue of the Bulletin, My reporter who looked in to buy

a 15p Little Red Book, was told

by the man minding the shop that there are two study ses-

sions per week, each attended

Members of the institute, he said, built it themselves in their

own time with their own money.

In the words of a recent Bulletin: "When beloved Chairman Mao passed away on

September 9 last year, our

comrades worked tirelessly to transform our profound grief into great strength." So they

built their centre "right in the heart of the revolutionary base

by about two dozen people.

comprehensive feasibility study. Assuming that the parties are willing to proceed after all this, the Government will no doubt want to make sure that the decision is pre-sented to the public in the most favourable way. What makes the project so

controversial, apart from the fact that it involves an area one-fifth the size of Britain and bigger than either Belgium or Denmark, is Reed's background as a timber resource operator in Ontario. The company is facing 10

charges of violating Canada's Environmental Protection Act by reason of wastes dumped into the Wabigoon River from an existing pulp and paper plone at Dryden, 150 miles south of the proposed imber concession. If convicted, Reed could face fines of up to \$10,000 per charge for every day of the offence. The case is scheduled to resume in Dryden tomorrow.

The announcement of a proposed vast new concession to Reed brought a strong reaction Toronto, and from Indian groups in the north-west. Native leaders hold Reed the New Democratic Party, responsible for the mercury obviously believes that the pre-contamination of the English posed development is a good

Wabigoon river system, which some years ago forced the clo-sure of a valuable commercial fishery, and two of the largest tourist lodges in the region. Some Indians have shown symptoms of a form of mercury poisoning named Mini-mata disease—after a town in Japan where hundreds of people were crippled or died when the sex became conta-

emissions into the river, although scientists say it may be although scientists say it may be years before the last traces have disappeared. In any case, Reed is not being charged with mercury pollution, but with dumping 24.9 tons of suspended organic solids daily into the Wabigoon in 1975 pended organic solids daily Rickard, has said the proposed into the Wabigoon in 1975— development could eventually about three times the allow mean their "death warrant",

charges Mr Stephen Lewis, leader of

issue on which to appeal to environmental groups and a provincial election campaign. The province has a minority government, so an election could be called at any time. "We're going to fight it tooth and nail, week in and

week out, non-stop throughout the province until the election", the NDP leader said a minated with mercury. So far few days after the memoran-there have been no confirmed dum was signed. Reed, he cases in the area of the timber added: "will be our symbol of reserve, however. The plant at Dryden stopped resources in the province". At using mercury more than a other times, however, Mr year ago, so there are no more Lewls has given indications that his opposition might be less than total, provided the right guarantees are written into the agreement.

A spokesman for about 2,000 Cree and Ojibway Indians liv-ing in the area, Chief Andrew

door to seek the opinion of

Sotheby's team of six experts. Philip Wadsworth, a director

concerns is that native people get their share of the 1,200 to 1,900 jobs the new mill would

If the politicians in Toronto and some of the native peoples are having trouble sorting out their responses, enthusiasm for the project is great in the towns which would be affected. For instance, in Red Lake (population 2,250) the development is seen as a means of stabilizing the local economy, now largely dependent on some gold mines near by whose operations fluctuate according Reed insists that the de-

vekopment would be ecologically sound; the company's president, Mr Robert Billings-ley, says he has faith in the assessment process the proposal will go through. "Facts overcome myth", he has said. "Responsible people will see this process is a good and desirable one. What I think we'll do is focus public accountability."

John Best

the 80 men a hospitable recep-tion and Drake, in the custom of the day, took possession of the land in the name of the sovereign and christened it Nova Albion. He set off again after five waste cailing west iLosa a turn — it emergas you're a Triend of Harold after five weeks, sailing west across the Pacific and Indias oceans, rounding Africa and reaching Plymouth in September, 1580. He had with him enough treasure to pay off the entire national debt. The Sir Francis Drake Com-

mission, headed by a professor of geography from the University of California at Los Angeles, plans to relive much of this stirring stuff in 1979. There will be a week's

international conference on the politics, economics, society, religion and arts of the day, a reception on board the Gulden Hinde II-the replica anchored in San Francisco Bay-and a big hanquet in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel The one point that apparently is not to be re-enacted is the paying off at a siroke of Britain's national

Six members of the House of Commons expenditure commit toe and three officials flew iv Washington at the weekend. first class by Pun American. 10 spend a week looking at how the Americans economize on public expenditure. It would no doubt he a dreap and unworthy jibe to suggest that one way might be to cut down on the municipal of expensive foreign trips.

A RIGHTS ISSUE OF YOUR OWN

If you, as a shareholder, feel that old people have a right to a little happiness in old age, rather than loneliness and despair, you can use some of your shares to do some-thing practical about it.

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The Times Diary

Now the good news from Brixton

betoven chairman ritus, I am sorry I did not tell you sooner, but the news has been kept from you by the lie machine of the fascist state. To discover this excellent very own gang of four" which it berates mercilessly in its publications. Besides the worker-aristocrat Reg Birch", news for yourself you must live in Brixton and be a reader of the South London Workers' Bulletin. This is the weekly news sheet of the Workers' Institute which set itself up in who leads the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), they are leaders of the Com-munist Parties (Marxist-Leminist) of England, Ireland and Canada. Their crime apparently is to "vainly chal-Acre Lane, a short distance from Lambeth Town Hall, last The institute, in a converted shop, houses a bookshop, library lenge the revolutionary authority of Chairman Hua". (Birch is the man who has been and workers' centre, where the party holds political rutorials and study groups. "This new development in Britain has taken the British fascist state

men back to work.) The Brixton Maoists are this week holding a three-day con-ference in Lambeth Town Hall on "building a revolutionary stable base area", with Chinese films. It will later move to a church hall in Kingsway, finishing with a "revolutionary social". I hope they invite Margaret Thatcher.

trying vainly to get the airport

Split second

Commuters who travel from Woking to Waterloo and back have been bemused by the revision of the peak hour timetable. Working, it seems, on the unproven assumption that the more closely a train is timed the more likely it is to Not only does the Institute keep to schedule, the rimetable

*ell works of Mao, and other useful literature including in the reliability of the new books on acupuncture, it has its very own gang of four travellers.

Thus, of the 29 trains which will leave Woking between 7.01 and 9.14 in the morning, eight are timed to leave on the half minute. The traveller who misses the 7.491 from Platform 3 has to choose between crossing to Platform 2 for the 7.57, or to stay where he is and wait for the 7.57}. And how about a wife meet

ing her husband from the 17.45 on Platform 4? How will she feel if he suddenly switches plans and comes in on the 17.45! on Platform 5? Sales of stop watches in Woking are expected to soar.

How much? Encouraged by the success of a

recent four-day excursion to Longleat. Sothebys, the auctioneers, have this week set up shop at Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire, and are offering a free valuation service for family heirlooms. Business was hrisk on the first day, as Alau Hamilton reports:

Within the first hour, a substantial queue of hopefuls, each bearing a curiously shaped package wrapped in blankets or newspaper, had formed by the Drake's voyage round the world

of Sothebys, explained: "We have been holding these free valuations in provincial towns for the past two years and they have produced some exciting finds. But parking in towns is becoming such a problem. Setting up shop in a stately home has the combined advantages of easy parking and a readily identifiable address." The first day of the Woburn treasure hunt was encouraging. A woman rolled up in an estate car and unloaded an enormous Chinese vase nearly five feet tall, which the experts declared to be mid-nineteenth century

Cantonese, and worth a good £2,000. The delighted woman left it with them, and it will appear in the saleroom soon This sort of thing is mainly of interest to the Middle Eastern buyers, who go for things which are, er, garish". said the vase expert.

The morning also produced a pair of eighteenth-century cut glass candelabra, which the owner readily agree to part with. The cut glass expert peered at it scentically. "Perhaps \$1,000 if all the bits are there", he said doubtfully. But they very rarely are."

Swashbuckling

California is getting ready to pay its respects to the swashbuckler who established the first English presence in the state nearly 400 years ago. The



fornia's 24-member Sir Francis Drake Commission (appointed by former governor Ronald Reagan) will go to Plymouth. Drake left Plymouth in December, 1577, with five ships, heading south west. He rounded Cape Horn, then sailed north

along the Pacific coast, raiding Spanish treasure galleons and ports along the way. On June 17, 1579, with only the flag-ship, the Golden Hinde, left of the original (lotilla, the crew sighted a "faire and good have" three-year quadricentennial sighted a faire and good have celebrations of Sir Francis just north of San Francisco. The local Miwok indians gave

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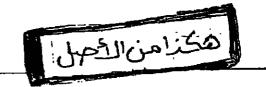
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MRS THATCHER'S EASTERN TOUR

Mrs Thatcher's brinight in China, Japan and Hingkong will have brought its surprises. East Asian civilization has a distinctive character for which the long British association win the rest of Asia, where so much of a visible legacy survive, is no preparation at all. East Asia lives its own world and hows it and cannot conceal it. Ytit is a civilization that has been absorbed, ever since t was opened up" in the nintteenth century, by its relations with the

That is one good reason for understanding it and it is pur of the explanation why the eatern which the West has been involved in the last forty years have all been in East Asu-Japan, Korea, Vietnam. An efort is needed to come to terms with these countries; like them or mit, international dealings or trale with them calls for understanting. That was good reason for Mrs Thatcher's journey.

in China she was much approved of because of her decided view on the Russians. It is not simply this attitude that has more often recommended Conservative visitors to China than Labour ones. In an era wien new relations with Asian countries are being adopted it is natural for a generation of anti-imperialist socialists to feel at home with the ex-cdonial territories they feel that tuey liberated while the pride and detachment of East Asia have rather more appeal to Conservatives

It was illeged against Mrs Thatcher that she was unnecessarily strider in her anti-Soviet stand in Chin, with the implication that in being so she was currying favou with her hosts. She has answeed this charge

herself by insisting that she had said nothing in China that she had not already said many times in Britain. The record is proof of that. She could further argue that however distasteful China's political system might seem, there is no doubt that Russia is the country that has threatened and still threatens British interests in Europe while China is not and seemed unlikely ever to be a military threat to this country. Britain's relations with China have consequently been conducted on a friendly basis since this friendship necessarily derived in part from common concern over a common enemy. One need look no farther than India for the operation of a similar common interest, both India and Russia having come closer together as each began to perceive China as an enemy.

That does not mean that the extreme and seemingly unchanged view of an inevitable war that the Chinese attach to their views on Russia have made any more impact on Mrs Thatcher than they did on the late Mr Crosland or any other of the west European leaders who have done their China tour. Still less should the British relationship with China inhibit judgment of a political system which lacks all the political freecoms we value in Britain. No kind of ideological identity follows from Anglo-Chinese friendship, a fact acknowledged as realily by the Chinese in their dealings with all western

countries. Japan is a different matter. The country is more open to free inquiry. It has adopted democratic ways and enjoys all the political freedoms that go with it. Like China's, however, Japan's relations with the West

have been dominant in the country's international thinking in the past century and remain unresolved. Japan is meshed into the western world's economic system. For these reasons westerners have not made the same effort to understand Japan as they have done in probing China's mysteries. China is larger and more distant, its civilization more ancient. Ιt offers a vast_area of time and space in which the imagination may wander. Added to all that has been what seemed an original revolutionary bloom unfolding just at a time when all the others were beginning to smell stale or putrid. Fashion has come powerfully to China's aid in inflating a country that seems unattainable to most: whereas Japan's superficial westernization and economic

country that is no less necessary. It is not enough simply to envy the Japanese car production lines that Mrs Thatcher inspected, where workers rarely strike, technical advance is welcomed and overmanning is unknown. The social cohesion and national emotions that lie behind this economic success must be understood by any political visitor who is likely to have to deal with Japan. As with China, though for different reasons, Mrs Thatcher might say of Japan that "it is not our kind of society". For all that it is a country where minds are free and thoughts are open and uninhibited, where a process of cross-cultural exchange goes on that links Japan and the West. In the coming decades our relations with Japan are bound to be closer and to matter even more than our relations with China.

success have diverted rather

than elicited the study of the

DIVIDED LOYALTIES AT HEATHROW

Heathrow member of the Transport and Geneal Workers' Union it was eviden how complex the attitudes of trade unionists on the marin of such disputes can be. If her of the work of the engineers in unofficial strike had not beendone by other workers, even ater last week's formal agreemen to do so had been abandoned British Airways would probably have been sltogether grounds by now. The conflict has reuced the number of flights, however, and the TGWU members ave threatened to take industial action of their own if anylof their number lose their jos. Their warning to the companyn

The TGWU is mainly a union of the less skilled and less wellpaid, who have little reason to the same force this time. But sympathize with the maintenance the main difference lies in the men's demand for restored pay way all parties have managed to differentials and for negotiating yet things into a muddle. Comdifferentials and for negotiating rights outside the industry's existing joint arrangements. Still less do they want to see their own jobs threatened by a long dispute over such matters. But the conventions of their movement still hold some sway, and resentment against pay restraint is not confined to those who have done relatively badly out of it.

These conflicting motives are apparent in most disputes of the distinctive type that has become common in this stage of incomes policy. As at Leyland and Port

Sir, President Carter's statement

iomestic nuclear programme should

or be unsunderstood. By banning be production of plutonsum he brely seeks to strike at the heart

othe anti-nuclear lobby whose only

plantam production. He wants the

he chorium reactor is a viable

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Beeding of more fuel than is

actually consumed is practically possile using thermal reactor systets. These are, intrinsically, much afer than fast reactors.

The rhorium cycle does not necessally depend upon the use of plutchum which now has unfavourable emotive connotations. The ability to breed more nuclear

fuel from fertile materials like uranium 23 and thorium is neces-

sary to assut our long term energy supplies. Plonium, which is a by-product of uranium dermal reactors can novide a self-sistain-

ing breeder idustry but it must use a fast reator. Thorium can be

converted in reactor to fissile uransum 233. Lis has more favour-

able neutronic roperties than any other fissile fue such as uranium 235 or plutonium and, as a result can provide self-ustaining breeder

industry with themal reactor systems like the high temperature reactor. It can elso produce more power from the sale amount of fuel than photonium fast reactor.

Development work of this concept is proceeding in the wited States. In Britain, the DRAJON reactor at Winfrith Heath toyides the basis for investigations ato thorium

basis for investigations are reactor fuels, and technology.

The International Atomic Energy Agency published a report on the Utilisation of Torium in Power Reactors in 1966. The sum-

orievelop the alternatives.

the policy of United States

Thorium reactors

From Mr J. G. Flirm

At yesterday's mas meeting of Talbot, and now at Ford's Halewood plant too, a small group of skilled workers take action even at the risk of finding themselves at odds with other trade unionists and their own union, as well as management and the Government. How the forces align themselves in these cases depends on many factors. At British Leyland a united front by the management, the engineering union and the Government secured the isolation of the strikers, who gave in (though many tensions remain). At Heathrow similar conditions are present, but they have not yet had the same effect.

Part of the difference lies in the fact that British Leyland was effect strengthens the hand eff already tottering, while British the strikers. (Airways are not. Official warning about the loss of future public investment do not have aunications have been bad and offers have been misunderstood.
The contentious "blacklegs" charter ", which was agreed upon wib at least the tacit consent of he AUEW leadership, was made public in such a way that the vaion felt obliged to condemn it, in spite of its acute embarassment at being defied so openly by its members.

British Airways introduced a further element of confusion at the weekend by raising the hare of a letwing plot (a charge

mary report and recommendations clearly identify that, in the long run, thereod breeders using thorium art an attractive alter-

native to the fast breeder line of development. President Carter's

seven point ban includes for a restructuring by the United States breeder reactor programme to give greater priority to alternative de-

Disturbed adolescents

From the Headmaster of Eltham

Sir, There was an aresting statement at the conclusion of your April 13 report on disturbed adolescents.

Is report on disturbed addressents. I refer to the judgmen of Miss J. A. Simpson of Hakiney social services that the difficulty facing institutions which have disturbed children on roll is that they are geared to the needs of post of the

a hint of criticism that it thould be so. I suspect that most pecule would expect it. But it is becoming less

and less so. There are approaching

2,000 children in this school, but would estimate that as much as half

wound estimate that as make as half my time is given in most weeks to the needs of those few-certainly less than 50 in number—whose attitude threatens to bring the learning process to a half in any

are not being coped with. The neglected children, like the neglec-ted majority in adult society, are

those who behave themselves and

get on with the job. The share of

attention and resources they receive is far less than they deserve. Never

has so much been done for so few at

the expense of so many.

Yours faithfully.

April 14.

PETER DAWSON.

Eltham Green School, Queenscroft Road, SE9.

where they appear. It is not the case, as your report suggests, that the minority was dis-turb the smooth running of schools

signs-

Yours faithfully

J. G. FLINN, 19 Ashfield Roa

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children in them. While there seemed

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which it was forced to modify almost out of existence a few hours later). Sir Harold Wilson hastened the end of the 1966 seamen's strike by making a similar accusation, but on the whole the gambit is a difficult one to carry off. There are often members of the extreme left somewhere on the fringes of an unofficial strike, and they usually have ulterior motives for stirring it up. But a sprike cannot be sustained leng if most of the participants do not believe in it, and in this case the grounds of the maintenance men's discontent are plain and obvious. Such bluster simply tends to breed mistrust in other groups like the TGWU workers.

The Heathrow been isolated indeed, but not in such a way as to make them think that hev cannot gain their Yet the airline cannot commit itself to an award in August until it is known what formula of pay restraint, if any, will be in force then; nor to the overthrow of its multi-union negotiating system. Still less can the union accept the repeated defiance of its repeated instructions. It is just because many others among its membership feel the same grievance as the maintenance men that the union needs to assert discipline if a succession of revolts is to be avoided. Faltering and inconsistent actions simply create con-fusion and obscure the way to a settlement

Pressure on airports

From Mr D. C. Wood Sir, The concern expressed by the Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (letter, April 12) concerning the increasing pressure on London airports is understandable, but, like the poor, the airports will always be with us, and cannot be

Surely the council must now be Surely the council must now be regreting quite bitterly, its stand in canvassing the abstard, hugely expensive, and inaccessible Maplin when, had it supported the findings of Roskill, it might, even now, be experiencing some relief from a new airport sited, as Mr Goldrein commented in the same issue, "to the north of Lordon".

Has it learnt from its previous Yours faithfully, DERRICK WOOD, Chairman, Defenders of Essex, The Chase, Paglesham East End, Rochford,

Creation of Uganda

From Dr Richard A. Frost Sir, Mr C. Le G. Eaton's letter in Sir, Mr C. Le G. Eaton's letter in your issue today (April 13) is misleading. It seems to suggest that Uganda was a country of which the Kabaka was hereditary King. Uganda, however, is a country created by the British and incorporcreated by the British and incorpor-ating Buganda, of which the Kebaka was ruler from long before the arrival of the British, and Bunyoro, Toro and other areas. The conflict between the last Kabaka, Sir Frederick Mutesu, and the British Government arose from differing views about the position of Buganda within the Uganda Protectorate.

There was no "traditional structure of government in Uganda", because there was no Uganda until the British created it. Yours faithfully, RICHARD A. FROST, The Close, Appleton, Oxfordshire

April 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future of local broadcasting

From Mr P. F. Smith Sir, Your leading article on the future of local broadcasting (April 15) relies far too heavily on the negative aspects of the case against the recommendation of the Annau Committee that all local broadcast-ing should be under the control of a new Local Broadcasting Authority. On the positive side you mention only that BEC local radio makes some contribution to the main stream of the Corporation's activi-ties. You say nothing of the outstanding achievements of local rudio in serving the community of which it is a part. The evidence in Nottingham, pro-

vided not only by the audience research figures compiled by the BBC but also by an independent sur-vey carried out under the auspices of the University of Leeds, is that of the University of Leeds, is that in the nine years of its existence BEC Radio Nottingham has built up a considerable reputation and following in the city and county. Its policy, independently developed in the freedom given to local radio by the BBC centrally, has been to provide a basic service of local news, information and assistance and cater for the needs of minority groups representing a wide range of interests. In pursuing this objective the staff of the local station have not been hampered by the need to cultivate and retain a partirecular audience dictated by the requirements of advertisers, nor by the financial worries which must beset any organization dependent on oeser any organization dependent of advertising revenue, nor by the fear of failure measured in pounds and pence on a company balance sheet. Those staff together with members of the community, have created lively and imaginative weekly programmes for the two major immigrations. grammes for the two major immi-grant groups, the local churches, schools, jazz enthusiasts, farmers, antique collectors, auglers and all sorts of other people. Would those programmes survive the need to raise advertising revenue? There may be many occasions

when arguments in favour of the status quo are appropriately foun-ded on the lack of an acceptable alternative—but this is not one of them. BBC local radio has achieved much in its short life and there is much still to be achieved. It should be sent on its way with encouragement and good will, not with the grudging acceptance that the alternative would inevitably be worse. Yours faithfully,

PETER SMITH, Acting Warden, Wortley Hall. University Park, Nottingham. April 15.

From Dr J. Apley Sir, Among the 522 pages of the Annan Report I read with amuse Annan Report I read with amusement that "At the first breath of criticism the Corporation adopts a posture of a hedgeliog at bay." A gem, if slightly synthetic. Through its Chairman the BBC has now gone over to the attack (The Times, April 15). His opposition to the proposed erosion of regional broadcasting should be strongly supported.

What has particularly encouraged me during the last few years, as Chairman of the BBC West Regional Council and member of the General Advisory Council, is what is clumsily labelled de-metropolizanieation together with the healthy trend to increase and enhance regional contributions to broadcasting. At last the tide was coming ing. At last the tide was coming in; now Aman's communication Canutes want to turn it back. They would weaken the links between BBC and most of the population. They would reduce the more faithful representation of the wide English scene that was being achieved in regional, as in national and international. as in national and international,

broadcasting.
Where in the BBC regional
sites did the Amanites "island sites" did the Annanites discover the low morals they report? At meetings of regional chairmen we had the feeling that our BBC advisory bodies were guerrilla fighters, just as ready to turn against as to fight side by side with the regular forces, but with a sense of purpose and achievement reflecting that of the regional staffs. If the proposals to demote and debilitate regional broadcasting are not firmly discarded morals will most certainly suffer. Yours faithfully,

JOHN APLEY. 16 Somerset Place. April 15.

Laughing bishops

From the Rev Robert de Massey

From the Rev Robert de Massey
Sir, I have noticed, with Dr William
Strawson, the hikarity of consecration day, and this as far back as
photographs of consecrations of
bishops have been published. It has
nothing to do with Dr Coggan.

There is an old proverb, "He who
laughs last laughs longest", and in
many cases post-consecration appearances would suggest that this indeed
was the "last laugh", although in
a sense other than was proverbially
intended. Once a bishop, the propensity to laughter is often sadly
diminished, so let us not attempt
to analyse their last mirthful fling,
but rather rejoice in it.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT de MASSEY,
Abberton Rectory,
Colchester. Colchester.

Mother's occupation

April 16.

From Mrs Meriel Field-Smith From Mrs Meriel Field-Smith
Sir, Perhaps the answer to your
correspondent, Mr J. F. Nugee's
query (letter, April 4) as to the exclusion of a question about his
mother's occupation when filling in
forms lies in the statement I was
astonished to read in a local newspaper roder. The winner of a local astonished to read in a local paper today. The winner of a local contest for a "Jubilee Queen" said she only ensured "to get away from the stigma of being a housewife and Yours sincerely,

MERIEL FIELD-SMITH, North Lodge. Cheapside, Ascot, Berkshire April 6.

Confusion of purpose about education

some seek no more than a smart

school uniform, and most—most dun't know what then want from a school, but, noting the current con-

cern expressed in the media, they feel that there is something raguely wrong. There is a real danger that our schools will become

the scapegoat, focusing attention on one facet of a confused society to the exclusion of others.

Somehow teachers must sift the mass of criticism and comment, and respond to that which is genuine and well-informed, without losing confidence and without over-reaction.

ing. Above all, we must not aban-

idealism by capitulating to the most rocal, or best organized pres-

sure group. Yours faithfully,

Leichworth

April 14.

factory."

esprit?

MARTIN FISHER, 33 Yardley,

From Mr W. Roderick Dow

Williams represents?

Sir, I must say that I am aghast at the glib statement, as reported in today's Times (April 15), by Mrs

Shirley Williams that she regards

"small sixth forms struggling to provide a limited number of A

rel courses as profoundly unsatis-ctory." Who is responsible for

There has been the same reckless

this situation if not the party Mrs

ineputude in decision-taking as characterizes Concorde, except that there only a useless aircraft re-

sulted, whereas now it is the lives

of British youngsters which are at stake. Does nobody who admini-

sters education realize that the priority beyond all others is a period

of settled conditions within which

a school may build up its own

As a teacher I do not like the system we now largely have, but it is apparently the best system we

can expect. Are we not entitled,

at the chalk face, to get theve vaciliating meddlers off our backs

for a decade or two while we try to preserve what is left to us and

to recoup our losses?

From Mrs J. Burns de Bono

Sir, Your Education Correspondent,

Tim Deviin, on April 11 culled 30 bright ideas from the Great Debate

on Education. Among them was that of Conrad Rainbow, who has suggested a common Europeun

that of Conrad Rainbow, who has suggested a common Europeun Certificate for pupils aged 18, combining A level and the International Baccalaureate. All those Mediterranean countries, such as Malta, who have a really serious interest in giving their children a chance to attend nor only their own.

chance to attend not only their own,

but European universities, are having a very long look at the International Baccalaureate which

should count as four passes at A

universities, including those of England, can be secured by a com-

mon entrance examination, the reality of European unity will evade us. In medieval times, scholars

wandered happily all over Europe

from Padua, to Paris, to Oxford, and the brightest of Renaissance minds were formed by this Euro-

pean intellectual unity. Can this come again to Europe and if so,

JOSEPHINE BURNS DE BONO.

f goos word

Yours truly

The Gardens,

Mensija Street, St Julians, Malta GC. April 12.

Until entry into all European

W. R. DOW, 6 Lower Penns Road,

April 15.

Paignton, Devon.

From Mr B. J. H. Blanchurde Sir, In the long history of educa-tional debate in this country it is not often that the ordinary class-room practitioner hus rated a first leader in The Times (April 14).

leader in The Times (April 14). May I congratulate you not only on according them that distinction but also on the point you make in the last paragraph in which you draw attention to the confusion of purpose about education.

But surely you are unfair in blaming teachers for that confusion? Can the profession be expected to have a "livelier sense... of what society reasonably expects of it? when society itself, mirrored in your own pages, hardly knows what it wants of schools?

A cursory examination of The

wants of schools?

A cursory examination of The Times since the beginning of the year shows demands for more formal teaching of the three Rs (January 7), calls for a revival of classics teaching (January 24), for industry a regining hysines cames industry" training, business games and discussions on production, maiand discussions on production, more keing and so on (January 25), for more education in politics (January 25), for teachers to help protect atrisk children (February 21) and for training in hi-fi electronics (April

Granted the individual importance of all these items (not to men-tion the many others advocated by a multiplicity of pressure groups) such a list is symptomatic of a coufusion of values, priorities, emphases, interests and subjects within society itself—it is small wonder that the schools are also

confused. May I add that my work takes me into schools of many complexions and I stand in admiration at what they manage to schieve despite the nation's internal inconsistencies; it is a pity that they cannot be accorded the armosphere of nonportisan support they need to get on with the jub-it is too important to be left to unviteurs. I bez to remaio, Sir.

Your obedient servant BRIAN J. H. BLANCHARDE, Lecturer in Education, Bristol Polytechnic, Redland Hill, April 14.

From Mr Stuart Section Sir, Your correspondent, Tim Devlin, tells us that one of the 30 "bright" ideas to come out of the bright ideas to come out of the education conferences is to establish centres of excellence where tenchers can give intensive teaching

on Saturday mornings".
Would it not be an even brighter idea for such centres of excellence to be open on the other mornings of the week, or better still all day? I believe such centres of excellence used to be known as "grammar schools"?

Yours faithfully. STUART SEXTON, Hurnford Cottage, Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey. April 12.

From Mr Martin Fisher Sir, As a teacher, I think you are right to draw attention to the lack teachers (leader, April 14). It is a pity that you did not go on to ask why this certainty is lacking. Schools are bound to reflect, to of certainty and

some extent, the society which sustains them; it is that society which is unclear about the function of schools: some cry for more science and technology, some want only what can be measured, some want schools to impose the discipline lacking at home, some see schools as instruments of social angineering or as the spearhead of an attack on capitalism and consumerism;

Morocco and the Sahara

From the Ambassador of Morocco Sir, I have read with great interest your leading article "Morocco's own part in the Sahara" (April 14), and have been surprised by the biased parallel that you have drawn between this matter and those of Zaire and the Benin.

First of all, I would like to clarify a point: Morocco has not annexed the Sahara. Morocco has recuper sted it from Spain once the Inter-national Court of Justice recognized its right and following an international tripartite agreement be-tween Morocco, Spain and tween Morocco, Spain and Mauritania.

This agreement was approved by

the General Assembly of the United Nations. Since then, the Sahara has been an integral part of the Moroccan Kingdom.

Your article mentions Algeria's m part in the Sahara allowing the Polisario to use its territories as a base and supplying it with military and diplomatic support. This is definitely an act of aggression against the territorial integrity of Morocco and I thank you for underlying it

Morocco's initiative in Zaire was

not meant to "buy" the support for its own right as you put it.

It is a fact that the Sahars and the Zaire problems are similar, since the territorial integrity of a country has been threatened in both cases. And Morocco is proud both cases. And Morocco is proud to show its concern and engage in the struggle to safeguard the territorial integrity of an African country each time its security is threatened. It has always been a constant policy of Morocco, be it in the Sahara, in the Congo in the 1960s, in Nigeria or in Zaire today.

As for the "Raid on Benin", the affair was often qualified by your

own newspaper as dark and mysterious. However, von have intentionally ignored all the declarations made by Morocco to international organizations explaining that it had

organizations explaining that it had nothing to do with it. It goes for the "prestige" of your newspaper and the respect of its readers that all sides of the arguments be faithfully exposed and explained.
Yours faithfully,
BADREDDINE SENOUSSI.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Maracco. Royal Moroccan Embassy, 49 Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7.

Special Constabulary

From the Chief Commandant Metro-politan Special Constabulary Sir, In reporting the publication of the Home Office Working Party on the Special Constabulary, you have

the Home Utilice working raity on the Special Constabulary, you have I fear given an inaccurate picture. You say that "Special Constabulary Officers in England and Wales should wear uniforms similar to those of the full time police" and go on to say "that they would have diced cap bands and, apart from the position of their distinctive badges of rank, they would, at first sight, appear to be members of the regular force". The truth is that the present uniform worn by the Special Constabulary is similar to that worn by the regular police with the exception that we do not at the moment have the diced cap band. With the recommendation that the badges of rank should be changed there is no question that at first or even second sight Special Constables would appear to be members of the regular force only in as far that, if regular force only in as far that, if implemented, the diced cap band would be worn. As far as insignia is concerned, currently it is as worn by the regular force but would be replaced by silver bars provided the new rank structure is implemented. Clearly misleading is the quote there will never be a situation where regular officers will have to

take orders from members of the Special Constabulary". This indicates that this is a new departure whereas this has always

departure whereas this has always been the case and the senior regular officer on duty is always the officer in charge regardless of the rank of the special constabulary officer doing the same duty.

As a member of the Working Party I feel it is important that these particular points should be clarified. At the same time I would also make it clear that it is for the Commissioner of the Metropolis to make his decision on the implementation of the findings of the Working ation of the findings of the Working Party as far as it affects the Metro-

Party as far as it affects the Metropolitan Force.

Whilst I have at the moment over
2,000 specials in London there is a
need for more and I hope that the
interest created by the Working
Party Report will bring into our
ranks those public spirited citizens
of London who wish to help an over
stretched regular force. I should be
happy to forward details to
interested applicants. Details can happy to forward details to interested applicants. Details can also be obtained from any police station throughout the country. Yours faithfully,

A. A. HAMMOND. Chief Commandant. Metropolitan Special Constabulary, New Scotland Yard, Broadway, SW1.

The elderly and rail travel

From General Sir Frank Simpson Sir, May I support the views of Lord Chirk in his letter (April 15) on the difficulties of elderly people with their bassage when travelling by train? I am (age 78) one of them and I also have a post-coronary condition which makes it inadvisable for me to lift a suit-

I too find that on arriving in London (Paddington) there are few London (Paddington) there are few porters. The few trolleys are either snapped up by the younger people more agile in alighting or being used by the few porters. I have been to the Isle of Wight for convalescence four times in the last fitree years. At Southampton I have found a porter after much delay, but the last one seemed so aged that he would not even attempt to lift a suitcase. At Portsmouth Harbour, where I hoped conditions would be better, I was informed firmly that there were no porters by a senior official who porters by a senior official who then kindly hunted out a trolley for me. Certainly at all three ct these stations, and at Bath, the railway staff do their best to help, and seem not to like the situation.

Lord Clark does not suggest a solution. I too hesitato to ask British Rail, with all its current difficulties, to provide extra porters for the likes of us. But may it not be that an invaginative but quite be that an imaginative but quite minor redeployment of manpower resources and/or provision of extra trollers would meet the most urgent needs? In France and Switzerland the larger stations have

Switzerland the larger stations have red cap porters who shift buggage on a prescribed tariff (admittedly quite expensive).

Surely Lord Clark is not right in feeling that the majority of people over 75 are prepared to accept a philosophy of not moving about Alost of teem do want to travel for whatever reason and British Reij is good enough to encourage this by is good enough to encourage this by its wise provision of the Senior Citizens' Railcard. I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

FRANK SIMPSON. Northfield Close, Bath. April 16.

From Mr G. Graham Sir, May an octogenarian, crippled with arthritis so that I cannot carry bag, presume to suggest to Lord Clark how to travel?

If I have to change trains any where I write beforehand to ask for a porter to be on the look out for me. They have never failed. I now beve various porter friends who take me up in the luggage lift and generally look after me till I am in the train. Quite frequently they refuse a tip. (This is particularly true of coloured men.)

On one or two occasions when I have arrived at Paddington without doing this. I have always been helped and usually by a hippy type of yours.

of young man.
I would suggest to Lord Clark that it is much better to travel 2nd class. Business executives in the 1st usually seem to be either usleepor immersed in papers so they do not notice you struggling to get not notice you struggling to get something down from the rack. Myexperience of young people in the 2nd class is that they are quiteextraordinarily kind and considerate to the old. Yours faithfully,

G. GRAHAM, Crooked Gate, Brigsteer, Kendal. April 16.

From Mr Robert Mason Sir, I am in the same age group as Lord Clark and like him I travel a great deal by train and was there-fore much interested in his letter (April 15), about his problems with his luggage at railway stations. I am happy to be able to offer him

a solution. Many elderly people, including presumably Lord Clark, find it hard to change habits of a lifetime and take heavy luggage such as leather, sufficiency luggage such as leather, are heavy to carry, and too much, of it, containing too many changes, of clothes, often of beavy material, and accessories.

The answer is light-weight luggage and very little of it. I suggest to Lord Clark that before setting out he should sift through the items he proposes to take and leave out all those not absolutely necessary, then put what remains in a canvas or similar bag which he can carry in one hand, leaving the other free for his umbrella and The Times. Yours faithfully, ROBERT MASON, 44 Sussex Square,

John Evelyn's library

Brighton.

From Dr J. F. A. Mason Sir, The answer to the point raised by Mr R. E. Maddison (April 12) is that John Evelyn did make manu-script notes in some of his books. Yours faithfully, J. F. A. MASON, Librarian of Christ Church, Christ Church,

Oxford April 16.

Price of eternal life From Mr P. V. Jones

Sir, Mr Joner should be warned that killers stalk the pages of The Times almost daily (Letters, April 9). On Tuesday, Mr Bevan informed us all that the alternatives for our society are "socialism or the annihilation of mankind itself"; on Wednesday a booklet on sex educa-tion argued that "sex outside marriage is destroying civilisation"; and a recent British Medical Journal warned that there was a Journal warned that there was a significant correlation between easing cornflakes at breakfast and the onset of Crohn's disease. So as well as avoiding sugar, milktops, smoking and poly-whatsit butter, the prudent man will also vote Labour, remain faithful to his wife and eat his cornflakes at lunchtime. This seems a high price to pay for seems a high price to pay for eternal life. Yours faithfully, PETER V. JONES, 38 Mawson Road.

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S. J. Golder

By Liuon Mallalieu
A page of a letter written by
Galileo Gablei in 1012 announcing
bis discovery of sunspots was sold

for £17.500 restimate £15.000 to £20,000) at Sotheby's yesterday. It was a world auction record for

The letter, which was bought by

Breslauer of New York, was written to an unidentified correspondent and related to one

of the astronomer's discoveries that earned an admonition from

A letter from Francois do Malherbe made £3,000 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000), and the autograph drafts of two letters by Machiavelli £2,000 (estimate £3,500 to £5,000).

The sale, the first of two days

devoted to Continental and

Russian autograph letters, literary

manuscripts and historical docu-ments, brought £50,696, with just over 8 per cent unsold.

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COURT CIRCULAR

April 18: The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow, this evening attended the Council of Engineer-ing Institutions' Fellowship of Engineering Dinner for New Fel-lows at Apothecaries Hall, City Mr Richard Davies was in

The Prince of Wales was this evening entertained at dinner by the Prime Minister (the Right Hon

James Callaghan, MP) at Chequers. KENSINGTON PALACE

April 18: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Royal Ballet, this evening attended a Ballet Promenade Per-formance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and presented the 1976 Evening Standard Award for Ballet to Miss Lynn The Hon Mrs Wills was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 18: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Angus Oglisy, today named cs Cable Venture, the latest addition to the fleet of Cable and Wireless Limited, at the Humber Graving Posity April 1988 Humberside Limited, at the Humber Caving Dock, Immingham, Humberside. Her Royal Highness and the Hou Augus Oglivy travelled in an air-craft of The Queen's Flight. The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard

The Duke of Edinburgh has con-sented to become patron of the newly formed Friends of the Royal Academy.

was in attendance.

A reception will be held at the wedish Ambassador's residence, 27 Portland Place, on Friday, April 29, at 12-1.30 pm, to celebrate the birthday of the King of Sweden (April 20). Invitation cards will be issued to Swedish actionals resident in Britain after application in writing to the Swedish Embassy, 23 North Row, London, Wir 2DN.

A memorial service for Viscountess Gough will be held today at 11.00 am at St Luke's with Holy Trinity, Charlton, London SE7.

A memorial service for Mrs Cecil Woodbam Smith will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, Lon-Jon, W1, on Friday, April 29, lon, W1, on 1 1977, at noon.

Birthdays today

Sir Andrew Glichrist, 67.; Sir Edward Lewis, 77; Miss Gladys Mitchell, 76: Lord Pilkington, 72; Euroness Summerskill, CH, 76; Ar Herbert Wilcox, 87; Lleute-nan-General Str John Woodall, 80.

Today's engagements

Locture: Rev David Brindley:
"The Problem of the Resurrection", Christian Study Centre,
St Margaret Pattens, Eastchcap.

1.10.
The High Commissioner for New Zealand opens exhibition of New Zealand stamps, Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 12.
Exhibition: "The Rolf Harris Picture Show", Kodak Photographic Gallery, 246 High Hollow.

The following engagements for May have been announced by Buckinghem Palace:

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1: The Princo of Wales atlends content in the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in and it the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in and it the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in and it the Theatre Royal, Windsor, in an accompanied by the Guern's Silver Jubice Apneditive of Edinburgh, launch in the Pulse of Edinburgh, receives addresses from both Houses of Parlament the Woodmington Holl, the Containate of the Prince of Wales, as the Prince of Prince of Prince of Edinburgh Stranger, Indoor, and the Duke of Edinburgh Stranger, Chuer Constables Chub dinnar at the Savay hotel.

Quoen and the Duke of Edin-visit police at the Pool Cembre,

surgia visit police at the Pool Cembro, Hendon, 7: The Queen and the Duke of Edmgraph review parade of Silver Choek Rolfs-Rayce cars at Windsor Castle. 70: The Duke, as president of the National Playing Fields Associarien, opens exhibition. "Sporting trophites of the world "at Barkers, Kensingson; The Duke, as president of the Zoglogical Society of London, takes chair at annual general meeting: The Queen and the Duke give dianer party at Suckingham Palace for delegates to the ministerial council meeting of Nato; Princess Anne, opens West of England andique dealers fall in Bath. 18: The Queen and the Duke of Edinatural attends Royal Horitcultural Society's Chelses Show: The Duke duends Royal Air Force's Ex-Prisoner

The Summer Term, begins at

Harrow today. There are 762

boys in the school this term.

G. H. A. Robinson (West Acre)

Tindati (Moretous) is captain of

cricket. King Lear will be per-

formed in speech room on May

20 and 21. Governors' Speech Day will be on May 26 and Speech Day on June 2. The half-term exeat will extend from 6.30 pm on Speech Day until 9.00 pm on

Wednesday, June S. Association Day will be on Saturday, July

2, and term will end on Saturday.

will take place at Lord's on

Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and

The Summer Term at Malvern

College begins today. A. D. McL.

Barcley is senior chapel prefect and J. M. M. Charlesworth junior

chapel prefect. A silver jubilee

concert will take place on June 3

and the exeat is from June 4

until June 8. Commemoration will

he held at the end of the term

on July 9. The preacter will be

the Bishop of Gloucester and the

speaker will be the new chairman

of the Malvern College Council.

Mr Justice Stephen Brown, QC.

The hundredth Sammer Term

begins today. The Prince of Wales

will visit Kelly to celebrate the

centenary of the college on May 17. He will inspect a guard of

tonour mounted by the RN and

RM sections of the CCF and unveil

a stone to mark the beginning of

the new swimming bath and

The annual inspection of the

Kelly College

Malvern College

Harrow School

Royal engagements

Forthcomicg marriages

Mr P. E. D. Birchall The engagement is announced hetween Piers Edward Dearmon Birchall, of Rectory Farm. Duntis-Birchall, of Rectory Farm. Dubtoshourne Abbots. Circucester,
Gloucestershire, son of Major
P. D. Birchall and the late Mrs
Birchall, and Barbara Maitland
(Muffie). daughter of the late Mr
and Mrs E. L. Black, of Hendre
Uchaf, Abergele.

Mr C. Blake and Miss C. M. Mann The engagement is aumounced between Christopher Blake, of 47 Woodville Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Christine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Mann, of 193 Leamington Road.

Mr C. R. B. Cox

The engagement is announced between David Charles, younger son of Captain C. J. A. Johnson, RN (ret), and Mrs Johnson, of Landfall. Instow, Devon, and Alexandra Erskine, daughter of Captain M. W. B. Kerr, RN (ret), and Mrs Kerr, of Hugglepit Farm, Clovelly Depon. and Miss B. J. Sheepshanks The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George Cos, of Gourdie, Murthly, Perthshire, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Sheepshanks, of Arthing-ton Hall, Arthington, Yorkshire.

Mr D. E. Gillespie and Miss E. M. Hay

The engogement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Gillespic, of Mellow House, Norfolk Road, Littlehampton. Sussess, and Elizabeth, daughter of Major and Mrs J. M. Hay, of Edinglassie, Huntly, Aberdeenstree

Dr N. Grew and Miss R. M. Metcalfe

The engagement is amounced between Dr Nathaniel Grew, DVM, between Dr Nathaniel Grew, DVM,
of San José, Costa Rica, son of
Mr and Mrs J. Grew, of Allen,
South Carolina, and Woodstock,
Vermont, United States, and Rosamond Marguerite, eldest daughter
of Mr and Mrs J. W. W. Metcalle,
of Chem. Surger.

Lientenant D. B. Habershon, RN, and Miss E. J. Mason The engagement is announced between David, second son of Commander P. W. Habershou, RN, and Mrs Habershou, of Coleford, Bath, and Elizabeth, daughter of Captain I. G. Mason, RN, and Mrs Mason, of Alverstoke, Hampshre.

Marriages

Mr M. F. Charters and Mrs S. A. Cobham

and Airs S. A. Coonam
The marriage took place quietly on
Tuesday, April 12, in St George's
Chapel, Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Suru, Fiji, of Mr Murray Charters
and Mrs Shirtey Cobham. The
Eishop in Polynesia, the Right
Rev Jubez Bryce, officiated.

Mr M. J. Goldsmith and Miss E. A. Carey

and Miss B. A. Carey
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at St Mary's
Church, Fairford, Gloucestershire,
of Mr Michael John Goldsmith,
son of Mr and Mrs L. R. Goldsmith,
son of Mr and Mrs L. R. Goldsmith,
of The Langet, Painswick,
Gloucostershire, and Miss Ellzabeth Anne Carey, daughter of Mr
and Mrs H. L. StG. Carey, of
Fairford House, Fairford. The Rev
Douglus Beil-Richards officiated
busisted by the Rev John Lugg.
The bride, who was given in
marriago by her father, was
attanded by Tessa Bennett, Claudia
and Cressida Shaffer and Pamela
Goldsmith. Mr Martin Goldsmith,
brother of the bridegroom, was
best mnn. A reception was held at the bome of the bride.

Dr A. J. Gordon gud Mrs O. Hewitt

The marriage took place in London on Friday, April 15, 1977, between Dr Alisteir John Gordon and Mrs

of War Association dinner at Dunster House, London.

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hilling attend Royal Academy annual injury.

B. The Queen and the Duke of disburyh visit Perm and Dundee.

C. The Queen and the Duke of disburyh visit Aberdeen.

Z. The Queen and the Duke of disburyh visit Aberdeen.

S. The Queen and the Duke of disburyh arrive at Holyroodhouse.

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Combined Cadet Force will be carried out on May 27 by Air Marshal Sir Richard Wakeford

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(OK). The centenary celebrations will take place on June 3 and 4, when the programme will include a commemoration service, at which the preachen will be the Right Rev Mervyl Stockwood (OK), Bishop of Southwark; pruzenving, when the prizes will be presented by the Flag Officer, Plymouth; programmers of a transmit 1873

performances of a pageart, 1877 and All That; the 1st XI v the Old Kellelans in period dress; and a commemoration ball.

The Summer Term began yester-day. Paul Schlesinger is senior prefect, Paul Crawley is captain of cricket and David Middleton is

of cricket and David Middleton is captain of lawn tennis. The Cranleigh dinner is on May 7 and Speech Day/O.C. day is on June 4. There is an embirion of scalptures by Mr Enzo Plazzotia from May 7 to July 9: Term ends on July 9.

St Edward's School

The Summer Term at St Edward's

The Summer Term at St Edward's School starts today. The new art school will be opened by Mr David Piper, curator of the Ashmolean Museum, on June 2 and Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader will give the prizes at Gaudy on June 4. The Special Gaudy for those who were at the school between 1962 and 1967 will be on Subriday. June 25, and the school

Saturday, June 25, and the school lete is on June 26. Term ends on July 9.

The Summer Term starts today. Founder's Day will be on Saturday. June 4. when the prizes will be presented by Dr A. G. Ogston, president of Trinity College. Oxford, He will also open formally the new much school. The min

Octord. He will also does formally the new music school. The mid-summer concert will be on Saturday, June 11. Term ends on Friday, July 8, and the old boys dumer will be held at the college on that evening.

Epsom College

Cranleigh School

Cappoquin, to Waterford, Republic of Ireland, and Corinno, elder daughter of Chevalier and Minu-jean Everard de Harzir, of Waroux, Alleur, near Liege, Bel-

on April 15, between Licutenant-Colonel Jim Ramersley, of Peters-field, and Mrs I. Gange, of Hart-

Mr P. T. E. Massey and Miss D. M. Drummond

Mr G. J. Hamilton and Miss V. M. Hart

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and Aliss A. E. Kergan

Mr D. C. Johnson and Miss A. E. Acer

Closelly, Devon.

between Lieutenaut G. J. Hamilton, Green Howards, son of the tite Mr. G. J. Hamilton and of Mrs H. W. Greenwood, of hirrogate, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Hart, of Healey-on-Thames.

The engagement is announced

between Graeme Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs Boner G. Hardie, The

Clock House, Auchendennen. Alexandria, Dumbartonsbire, and

Alison Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James L. Kergan, Dhuhdl House, Dindill Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartestaire.

Mr D. M. Joseph and Miss C. L. Humphery-Smith

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr.

and Mrs Brian Joseph, of Bristol, and Catherine, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil R. Humphery

Smith, of Alcroft Grange, Canter-

The engagement is announced between Chris, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Barry Taylor, of 37 Gliston Road, SW10, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Cooper, of Kingston myon Thames.

Mr J. C. Keane and Miss C. Everard de Harzir

The engagement is aunounced between John Charles, elder son of Sir Richard and Lady Keane, of

Mr C. J. C. Taylor and Miss C. M. C. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant G. J.

and Miss D. M. Drummond
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Lawrence,
Petersfield, between Mr Peregrine
Tetton Eyre Massey, second son
of Lieuremant-Colonel and Mrs
Patrick Massey, of Arawal House,
Liss, Hampshire, and Miss Deirdre
Mary Drummond, eldest daughter
of Captain and Mrs Spencer Drummond, of High Orchard, Petersfield, Hampshire.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown
of cream shantung slik edged in
gutpure lace and carried a bouquet
of orchids, iffles-of-the-valley and

of orchids, illies-of-the-valloy and freeslas. She was attended by Miss Innthe Drummond, Miss Relena Drummond and Miss Hilary Gresty. Mr William Messey was best was A reception was held at High Orchard and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C. K. Talients and Miss J. Berger The marriage took place in New York on Sunday of hir Charles Tallents and Miss Jane Berger.

Mr N. E. C. Talbot-Ponsonby and Miss R. H. Bruce

Investment and the Duke of Edinsis The Queen and the Duke of Edinfrequent allend bala variety performance in Home Part. Whoteop.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburnh alteral gale performance at Royal I pera House. Covern Garden: The Duke as Master, alterds trinity House annual court at Trinity House, church souther at the Other Service and Inner with claim prehinen at Trinity House.

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Spassky lead in

gathered near California shores

may be affected by the tendency

of young animals to cluster among

the protective spines of the adults. Describing the so-called nursery

association, two scientists from the

Scripps Institution of Oceanog-raphy in San Diego suggest that commercial exploitation of some populations may decrease their re-productive potential.

Sea urchins have previously been harvested in Mediterranean countries as a source of food. Ex-

ploitation in Southern California began in 1970 and involves only the species Strong locentratus

the species Strong locentrotus franciscaius, Another species, Strong locentrotus purpuratus, which is equally abundant in the same rocky areas and feeds on the

of reproduction and development. The commercial enterprise has not yet extended to that species, how-

Dr.M. J. Tegner and Dr P. K. Dayton have studied the way in

which stocks of the two species

are replenished. Sea urchins, in

world chess

Ponsonby, of Vancouver, Canada, and Miss Robina Helen Bruce, aidest daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs H. V. Bruce, of Barley Down House, Alresford, Hampshire. The bride's uncle, the Rev F. B. Bruce, officiated, assisted by Couon G. E. Beachey and the Rev A. Talbot-Ponsonby,

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Lucineta Bruce, and by Bridget Mackintosh, Expherine Campbell, Tarria Bruce, lohn Mackintosh and Daniel Telbot-Ponsonby, Mr Tom Bertlam

was best man.

A reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr R. F. d'Anyers Willis and Miss V. J. Berry and Miss V. J. Betry
The marriage took place on
Friday, April 15. at Chelsea Old
Church between Mr Rodersck
d'Anyers Willis, elder sun of Mr
and Mrs G. d'Anyers Willis, of
Higham, Suffoik, and Miss Victuria Berry, daughter of Mr and
Mrs Anthuny Berry, of Cheyne
Row, SW3. The Rer C. E.

Row, SW3. The Rev C. E. Luighton Thomson officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert Dampier.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emma and Clare Green, Elizabeth Rudd, Emma Michell, Natasha Gordon, Thomas Westfeldt and Sebardan d'Anyers Willis. Air Plers d'Anyers Willis, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

best man.

A reception was held at the Vintners' Hall, EC4, and the honeymoon is being spent in France.

atiend general sesentity, civic lunch and regent of fictilish youth, Message but the first the youth, Message but the first the youth, Message but the first Latest wills

Large bequests to help the deaf

Mr James Herbert Painter, o Mr James Herbert Painter, of Burnham, Buckinghanshire, Jeft E80,492 net. After bequests total-ling £1,550 he left a quarter of the residue to the Royal National Institute for the Deaf's Larchmoor Special School, Stoke Poges, two fifths to the RNID for general purposes, and seven twentdebs for the upkeep of Burnham parish church. church. Miss Ada Aiderman, of Peter-

miss And Anderman, of Peter-borough, left £56,468 net. She left her home and land and all con-tents to her executor, Mr Ebenezer Bruce, "for as long as he requires and to look after my cats." Sir George Beresford Craddock, of

Battle, East Sussex Conservative MP for the Spelthurne division of Middlesex, 1950-70, left £68,840 Miss Mary Cecilia Liddints, of St Andrew, Bristol. left £32,672 net. Alter personal bequests she left the residue to the Royal Nursing

Association, Mr Iau MacDonald Main, of Fulko Mr Iau MacDonuld Main, of Folke-stone, Kent, Icit 596,060 net. After bequests rotalling 523,750 he left die residue equally between Dr Barnardo's, the Salvation Army, the Church Army, and the Nauonal Playing Fields Association. Mrs Dorothy Walmsley, of Winton, Bournemouth, left £50,923 net. She left her property equally be-tween the Cancer Research Cam-paign and British Heart Founda-tion.

Royk Javik... April 18.—Borls Spassky. the Soviet Grandmaster, last night took the lead in a quarter-final game of the world chess championship, winning by default as Vlastimil Hort, the Czechoslovak grandmaster, failed to complete his more in the allotted time. Other estates include (net. hefore allorted time.

After 15 games, Spassky now leads with eight points to seven. The final game will be played comorrow.—Reuter. other estates inclinde (net. hefore duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Eronner, Mr Daniel, of Henleyon-Thames, Uxfordshire \$108.518
Waters, Mrs Gerbrude, of Fovant,
Wiltshire ... £245,057

Science report

Zoology: Sea urchins seek protection

sperm into the sea, where fertili-zation takes place. A tiny larva develops and swims to a suitable

surface on which it settles to metamorphose into an adult. Ex-amination of the rocks, seawed

and full grown sea urthins on the seabed about two kilometres off-shore showed that most S. iran-

cisconus had settled underneath adults of the same species. They were found among the spines that

raise the adults slightly from the ground. S. purpuratus, on the other hand, was less particular, and Juveniles were equally likely

to have seriled under rocks or on seaweed as under other sea

The nursery association appar

ently lasts until the juveniles are

too large to fit among the spines.

The advantages to the juveniles

gain protection from predators.

Dr Tegner and Dr Dayton think

that the juveniles of S. froncis-canus seek out the adults. A small reef was cleared of all adults of that species in August, 1975.

leaving plents of S. purpurans.
Four months later there were 10

urchins.

same seaweed, is much favoured. The advantages to the juveniles by scientists, who long ago found seem to be that they have access it very convenient for the study to the food of the adult and they

common with startish and related juveniles of S. franciscoms in the animals, shed their eggs and area, one under an adult S. pur-

5.5,000 for the rootes Saxon blue-laquered bureau cabinet modelled by J. G. Borlach and laquered by Christian Reinow, of Dresden, It was bought by a private German collector and forms a pair with a cabinet in the Museum fur Kunsthandwerk. Dresden.

handwerk, Dresden.

A George III marquetry commode with a serpentine scagliolatop, possibly the work of Pierre Langlois, went to Chain Libraries for £3.000 (estimate £8,000 to £10.000), but a walnut longcase clock by George Graham of London, which was bought by R. A. Lee, was perhaps disappointing at £6,500 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000). A Louis XV kingwood parquetry commode sold for £5,000 (estimate £6,000 to £3,000). The total for the day was £32,766.

In London Chrisnie's sold Chin-

Galileo letter on discovery of sunspots

sold at Sotheby's for record £17,500 5159,163 with 6 per cent bought in. Much of the bidding in the higher reaches of the sale was of the late Prince Littler, proarchymous, and a large pair of wall modelled glazed buff pottery single piece of German furniture. figures of Bottrien camels of the Tiang dynasty brought £23,000 (estimate £7,000 to £12,000).

A twelfth-century Korean cela-den mei p'ing, a bread-shouldered, he rew-necked vase, followed at \$16,000, well above its estimate of \$2,500 m \$4,000. Another Tang buff pottery figure, a stallion, sold well despute restoration to the legs, ears and base, making £11,500 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000).

Phillips sold furniture and works of art for £43,570, with 2 per cent bought in. A late-eighteenth-A Louis XV kingwood parquetry commode sold for £6,000 (estimate £6,000 to £3,000). The total for the day was £322,766.

In London Christie's sold Chinese and Korean ceramics and works of art for a total of Birket Fester (estimate £1,000)



Mr John Bourne (right) with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Elwyn-Jones, on taking up his appointment yesterday as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and Permanent Secretary to the Lord Chancellor.

Better selection process for film award urged

By Kenneth Goding
National Panel for Film Festivals,
Nominations for the Grierson a group of sponsored film critics,
Award, one of Europe's most the Grierson Memorial Trust and
sought-after prizes for short films,
are to be encouraged from film
spanel.

The panel, which awarded the prize to Glies Foster's Devices and Dustres, urged an improvement in

the selection process.

The award has been organized annually for the past four years by the British Federation of Film Societies, which also is not convinced that all suitable films are being hought to its notice. The being brought to its notice. The selection procedure relies on nominations from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association, the

schools after a statement from the Miss Jean Young, the federapanel making the 1976 award that it is aw represented the best British state of the best British set up that the best procedure for getting a short list was to appoint set up that the best procedure for getting a short list was to appoint nominating bodies. Since then the film schools have become more active, but their films do not active, but their films do not necessarily come to the attention of these bodies until two or three years after they are made, too late for the purposes of the award."

A nominating body to represent the schools was therefore being considered.

The panel for the 1976 award described Devices and Desires, one of the most original recent British independent films, as "a worthy winner".

Women sing in papal choir for first time

From Our Correspondent

Rome, April 18
A centuries-old Roman Catholic church tradition was broken yesterday when women sang for the first time in a papal choir. A group of about half a dozen women took part, some as soloisis. in the performance of Pelestrina's
Missa Sine Nomine by the St John
Lateran choir in the great St John
Lateran Basilica.
The four Papal choirs, the other

The four Papal choirs, the other three being those of St Mary Major and the Vatican's Sisting and Giulia chapels, have been the most rigorous observers of a ban imposed by the Council of Antinch in the year 341 on women taking part in the liturgy.

All choristers were male and usually unmarried—for a period the boy sopranos and aitos were castrated to prolong their singing life.

The inclusion of women was an experiment by Mer Laureto Bucci,

experiment by Mgr Laureto Bucci, the St John Lateran choismaster. He is understood to be testing the me is anaerstood to be testing the ground, not so much musically as their performance was excellent, but to see whether the church authorities are ready to accept the idea of women in their most important choirs. Dinners Prime Alloister

Prime Minister
The Prince of Wales attended a
dinner given by the Prince Minister
vesterday evening at Chequers.
The other guests were:
Mr Michael Fool, Mp, Mr Denis
Holly Jan. Mp, Mr Boy Haller Sey,
Mr Michael Fool, Mp, Mr Boy Haller Sey,
Mr Michael Fool, Mr Boy Haller Sey,
Mr Minister Mr Mr Boy Haller Sey,
Mr Mill Squadron Lander David Checketts
and Mr Carlick Wright. Old Berkhamstedians' Association

The annual dinner of the Old

Berkhamstedians' Association was held in the school on Friday, April 15. A short service was held in chapel, after which sherry was taken in Deans' Hall. 132 memhaken in Deans' Hall. 132 members attended the dinner in the Old Hall. Mr P. R. Scott, president of the OBA, proposed the health of Berthamsted School and the headmaster. Mr J. L. Spencer, replied. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Antony Hopkins.

puratus and the other under an adult S. franciscamus that had nigrated to the reef after clear-

Although they are not sure of

the critical size necessary for

adults to harbour juveniles, the

commercially. They suggest that

the effects of continuing exploita-

tion on stocks of sea urchins will be determined by the number of

adults left behind or the number that migrate into an area after

If Juveniles are deprived of an essential liabitat through the ex-ploitation of adults the numbers

of sea urchins reaching maturity are likely to decrease. It re-

mains to be seen whether there might be a shift in populations, with S. franciscanus becoming less

numerous than S. purpurata, which is much more flexible in its choice of habitat at the juvenile

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the harvest is taken.

success in **EEC** bridge By a Bridge Correspondent

British women's

Great Britain was opposed to Germany in all four series in the opening round of the Common Market bridge teams championship in Ostend. The ladies' team was most successful, winning by 20 to minus four. The juniors were also in good form, winning

were also in good form, winning 15-5 and the mixed team won 11-9. The open team was somewhat disappointing, managing no better than a 10-10 draw against a less experienced team.

British pairs recovered well in the thost session of the mixed pairs championship, the curtain-raiser event. The Belgians recovered sven better to take first and third places.

Leading scores were:

Mrs Cypres and Polgi (Bolgium), 4,067: 11, Mrs Cuzzi and Donna (listy) Airs Cales and Johns Hally Advisor Beighton and Aloneous and Vial (France). 3,868: 4 Mrs Voice and de Aloneous Jor (Laby). 3,871: 5 Mrs Cohen and Vial (France). 3,771: 6 Mrs Rudson and Granville (CB). 3,786. Other British placines: 10, Miss Brunner and Kirby, 5, 700; 74, Miss Gard-ner and Sianley, 5, 608; 25, Miss Landby and Faulkner, 5, 608; 30, Mrs Puckrin, 5, 10; 35, Mrs Williams and Lawson, 5, 409; 5, Mrs Williams and Lawson, 5, 409.

Fellowship of Engineering
The Duke of Edinburgh, as Senior
Fellow of the Fellowship of
Engineering, presided last night
at the first dioner for new fellows
held at Apothecaries' Hall. City
of London. Lord Hinton of Bankside, president, and other officers
of the fellowship were present
with both founder and new
fellows.

Angle-American Sporting Club Anglo-American Sporting Club
The Anglo-American Sporting
Club held a boxing dinner evening
yesterday at the Hilton hotel at
which the England cricket team
and the playing staff of Middlesex
County Cricket Club were the
guests of honour. Rear-Admiral
Sir Anthony Miers, VC, patron of
the club, was in the chair and the
other speakers were Mr Tony other speakers were Mr Tony Greig, Mr Gilbert Gray, Mr George Martin and Mr Kenneth Wolsten-holme, secretary.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, April 18, 1952

Underwater TV From Our Special Correspondent Tolworth, Surrey, April 17.-With

the potential value of underwater television confirmed-at first spectacularly by the positive identification of the submarine Affray a year ago when apparatus was hurriedly assembled by Marcon's scientists believe that it may be Wireless Telegraph Company for close to the minimum size taken the Admiralty, and subsequently by laboratory experiments—a great deal of development work has been done to improve the equipment, and this afternoon the latest prototype set for operational use in deep waters was seen for the first time in public. Naval attaches and Admiralty representatives were given a demonstration of the new equipment on Tuesday; and the progress that has been achieved in underwater television will be shown to the convention on the British contribution to television on April 29 and 30.

Castle reopening Invertary Castle, home of the Duke of Argyll, which was badly damaged by fire in November, 1975, is to be reopened to the public on May 9 during Clan Campbell week.

OBITUARÝ CARDINAL CONWAY R.C. Archbishop of Amagh



William Cardinal Conway, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ali Ireland, died on Sunday. Recently he answered a

press question with: "Anyone who would like to be Pope 27 the present time must be sold called the cardinal from Bel

His see was Armagh, but he was born in Beliast in 193 and reared there, in the vey heart of the Catholic gheto, the Falls Road. His early elumination the Falls Road. His early elu-cation was predictable: Catho-lic primary school, and seemd-ary schooling with the Ciris-tian Brothers, who taught him the Irish language, and a proper regard for his "national heritage". They also taught him the prescribed curriculum well enough to assist his with scholarships and distinctions to Oueen's University. Belfast. Queea's University, Belfast, where he took a respectable honours BA in Eogish, and where, as he later said, he encountered "the only real difficulties of fairh" he ever

had.

The years at Queens proved to be an atypical interval: they were followed by admission to the National Roman Carholic seminary at Maynooth, where he wis ordained to the priesthood in 1937, and awarded a Doctorate of to the priesthood in 1937, and awarded a Doctorate of Divinity in the following year. Further studies in the Gregorian University in Rome earned a second doctorate in canon law in 1941. He returned to Ireland, and, after a year's reaching in Bertast, he was appointed to the Maynorth staff, where over the following 15 years he taught moral theology and canon law to the last pre-Vatican II generation of Irish clerics. In 1957 he was Irish clerics. In 1957 he was appointed vice-president of the

appointed vice-president of the Seminary.

In 1953 he was made a Bishop. His titular see was Neve, his actual function that of auxiliary to the siling Cardinal D'Alton of Armagh. He accompanied the Cardinal to the first session of the Varican Council in Rome in 1962 but the first session of the Varican ble for the establishment in Council in Rome in 1962, but reland of Pope John's aggior-in the following year he had succeeded him as Archbishop to the second session. In February, 1965, he was created Cardinal in the same constory which gave the red hat/o the then Archbishop of Watmister, John Carmel Heem, with whom he formed a ery children in the family: six

Primate of Ireland, the Arch. bishop of armagh Primate of All Ireland The differentiation is of medival provenance, and has survied the Reformation in both/ ioman and Anglican traditions It has had important and ironic consequences traditions it has had important and ironic consequences in the partitioned Ireland of the past 55-odd years. The Primate to Armagh has to deal with wo governments, two educational administrations; two media systems, two approaches to social welfare. There is also the demographic fact hat while in the republic of reland only one in 20 of the population is not a Roman of Iteland only one in 20 of the population is not a Roman Calolic, the heavy Protestant withting of Northern Ireland changes the proportion for the is ind as a whole to one in thir. And quite apart from any tional or primatial duries, to Archbishop of Armagh's orn diocesan responsibility les on both sides of the poli-

ical border. Archbishop Conway's hopes for his country in 1963 were in the head". Just 10 years ago he was, in the view of some pundits of Rome, definitely Papabile; and teither friend nor enemy would have called the cardinal form politics. The events of 1963-69 and all that followed has changed the politics-social landscape so drastically and so tragically in called the cardinal form politics of the north that in might be a social than the cardinal form politics. drastically and so tragically in the north, that it might be forgotten that the republic has also changed—less obviously less dramatically but decisively. Apart from the barsh economic climate now prevailing there have been less obvious social and cultural factors which have slowly but surely made the Irish dif-ferent

Not the least of these has been the transformation of public attitudes to religion and morality, as expressed espe-cially in the media Many thinking Catholics ar deeply concerned at what they feel to be the apparent in receivence of the church's witness and leader ship in a changing world. Even a new awareness of social a new anarchess of social needs at home 1 and in the developing countries is seen to have come too late and to produce too late and an admittedly new openness in theology has no succeeded la winning an already alienated

intelligensia. To what exent the late cardinul could sirly be asked to bear the bratt of these criticisms is debtable. The Primete of All Ireland presides over the delibers; its of the Irish Episcopa conference — notoriously an orchestra of solvists, but boald, some would say gassed, by a tradition of stone wallingconsensus.

And the task of primare Conwe can perhaps be seen in bette perspective when it is recalled that the conference included for much of his presiincluded for much of his president his formidable brother of Dulin, the legendary John Chries McQuaide, not the most presessive of primetes.

It can be said that the late grainal was mainly responsible for the careful tresponsible for the careful t

ble for the establishment in

with whom he formed a ery children in the family; six survive; two are priests in close friendship. The Archbishop of Dubn is Belfast.

MR RIGINALD JEBB Reginald (Rex) Jest who has died at the age of 33 was the only son-in-law of Hisaira ters involved in the Marrant Belloc, whose elder iaughter charges of 1913. be married in 1923. It was the lest editor of the fistributis.

League, which medt its mark
over a generation. He had
served as an infinity officer
in the 1914 Wit, and had
gained the Mikitaty Cross.

Eventual 1922 a was a private soldier in the control of the was deeply devoted to him, took on the editorship of The New Witness. Although it did

Ev profession he was a schoolmaster, will tare gift for teaching young loys, showing a combination of endless patience and and temper with an underlying irmness which commanded reard and respect. When he chinged his religion the principal of the preparation which commanded religion the principal of the preparation which the preparation which the principal of the preparation which tory school is which he tought assumed the this involved his departure. After his marriage he attempted to found a Cathohe attempted to found a Catho-lic preparadry school, and was entitived but the young sors of severaled his father-in-law's many friends. But there were mary tetholic preparatory schools, well established, and many of the larger schools con-

ducted heir own, and the ven-sure will not a success.

Whey G. K. Chesterton died in 193 Belloc sereed to take on the editorship of G.K.'s Weeks, which was the lineal desceptant of The Eve Witness, which he had himself estab-

which he had himself established on leaving Parliament in
1911/He had handed over the editiship of The Eye Witness to Chesterion's younger broker, Cecil, under whom it wal renamed The New Witness.

PROFESSOR Y. ZAVADSKY

Zavadsky studied at Moscow University, entering Vakhtandesigner and actor. There he haved Calaf in the historic rincess Turandot, and created the unique facial make-ups of theatrical art, iclude Voipune (1932), The paril's Disciple He followed his early acting (1933), The Jaming of the Increases at his own studio. Shrew (1938), J. at the Mostrical art, iclude Voipune (1932), The Jaming of the Shrew (1938), J. at the Mostrical art, iclude Voipune (1932), The Jaming of the Increases at his own studio. rincess Turandot, and created he followed his early studio. Shrew (1938), nu, at the his counded in 1924, and soviet (Theate, Lermontov's Masquerade 1952), The Merry Masquerade 1952), The Merry Masquerade 1957), and, the 1920s, by training such pupils, later to become famous,

Mir Anthony Clarkson, who died on April 17 at the age of Edward VI High School for 61, was chairman of Reveille Giels, Emingham, 1953-64, has Newspapers 1967-72 and earlier died a the age of 5. She

rofessor Yuri Zavadsky, profesor of acting at the State
Tleatre Institute and chairman
of the All-Russian Theatre
Society, has died in Moscow at
die age of 82. Born into an
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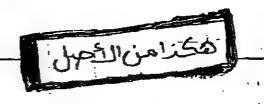
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Retail sales figure in first quarter at its lowest level for five years

By Caroline Atkinson More evidence of this year's sharp fall in living standards, caused by rising prices coupled with tough controls on incomes, come yesterday with news of a 2 per cent drop in retail trade in March. The total volume of retail sales in the first quarter

of this year was the lowest for nearly five years.

The large decline in March came on top of depressed sales figures in the first two months of the year. The final figures for these months were revised downwards quite sharply from the first estimates. Yesterday's figures for March are still only provisional. The Department of Trade has estimated them on the basis of returns covering about half of the total turnover

included in the index.

Retail trade began to decline spain in the middle of last year after a brief rise out of the 1975 trough. Tourist spending, and Christmas and pre-Dec-ember economic measures shopping kept the fall in the last three months of 1976 to less than 1 per cent.

The squeeze on real incomes which began in those manths, and has tightened considerably since then, has now fed through to the shops. The level of sales for the first obarter of this year again in volume terms—was 3 per cent below that in the

Yesterday's figures go some way to explain the build-up of opposition to a third round of pay control. Union members are now feeling the pinch as those in work, as well as the unembers. ployed, are having to cut back er spending in real terms. Information on the total level

of consumer spending in the sconomy, less than half of which is covered by the retail sales figures, is available at present only up to the fourth quarter of lest year.

A big drop in the proportion of disposable incomes which is saved helped to keep up expen-Preliminary estimates for the will be published on Thursday. They are now likely to show a

full, reflecting the depressed sales in the shops. the economy, with more than a

and increase exports needed for a balance of payments.

than merely an increase in prices, as occurred during much

of last year. The stability of the pound since the turn of the

year has resulted in changes of unit prices having a smaller impact on the total figures than it did for much of last year.

The March figures show a

rather different pattern from the previous two months, which was, overall, a period of stag-

nation in the volume of exports,

concealing some quite sharp declines in particular sectors of

During the first quarter, total

How the markets moved

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

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But the suddenness and severity of the drop could be the undoing of this strategy if resistance to shrinking spend-ing power leads to a rejection of stage three followed by a wages explosion, and most immediately damaging, a ruo on

the pound.
Mr Jones's weekend remarks showed how easily the pound's new found strength could evaporate on the foreign exchanges. The Bank of England spent an estimated \$60m in sup-port of the pound yesterday

Even without a rapid acceleration of wage demands the outlook for the economy is gloomy. Industry is unlikely to expand if domestic demand remains so depressed, despite the survey evidence of strong investment intentions. The tax cuts anintentions. The tax cuts announced in the Budget may go the direcalways implied a fall in personal for of the Retail Consortium,

of the extremely low growth forecast in overall output for the investment necessary to "disastrous", and said he pinned his hopes for 1977 sales on the investment necessary to on the awarding of the conditional as well as the unconditional factories exports needed for the total tax reliefs, to boost the economy.

Trade Secretary on visit to Tokyo demands removal of trade barriers for British goods

Imports warning by Mr Dell jolts Japanese

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, April 18
The Japanese Government was taken aback today when Mr Dell, the visiting British Secretary of State for Trade, cast diplomatic alectics saide and delivered a searing public aftack against Japan's import rustrictions and its lopsided trade balance with the United Kiozdom.

Kingdom.

Using the strongest language ever employed by a visiting European minister. Mr Dell warned Japan that Britain might not continue to resist local demands for protectionism if Japan felled to offer its partners reciprocal measures for trade by open-ing up its restrictive markets to British

Mrs Thatcher, the leader of the Con servative Party, also alinded to the trade controversy before she left Tokyo last week. She said: "I believe n free trade, but fair trade." Labour Minister was more forthright

in his speech today.

In a blupt assessment of trading ties between London and Tokyo, Mr Dell claimed that Japan was not adhering to the principles of free trade.

Brushing aside Japan's arguments that Britain was not competitive, Mr. Dell—who issued a similar warning to Mr. Fukuda; the Japanese Prime Minister, touight—told journalists and businessmen in Tokyo today that the United Kingdom ran up an enormous sarplus in trade on manufactured goods with other developed industrial countries.

countries. "But in the case of Japan there is a reluctance to import even if the goods are competitive", he said. The United Kingdom is competitive over a wide rauge of products.

"We are competitive in other developed nations of the world. We are competitive in the developing world-We run an enormous surplus in our trade of manufactured goods.



Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade (left) pictured yesterday in Tokyo with Mr Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister

We have ig, but in Japan, no. Now, why in Japan, no.?" He Dell thumped the lunch table to emphasize his point. The Secretary for Trade went on to point out that the United Kingdom did not insist on an equal trade bal-ance. "What we say is that, unfortu-

nately, there are not equal opportunities available in Japan.

Driving his point home. Mr Dell went on to refine assertions that Japan had liberalized its imports of manufactured. goods, and the Government's long-standing claims that British exporters had failed to penetrate the Japanese market because they are not competi-

Assounding Japan's otherwise com-placent burness world, Mr Dell said: I will list certain barriers which operate against our trade. I con list, for example, high tariffs on certain items where we are certainly com-

indicate discriminatory charges which discriminate against us, as compared to the United States. I can indicate the distribution system here. It appears to work in a way which eans that the prices of our competitive products in Japan are very much higher than they are on any other world

"In one example, a case was brought to my attention recently in which a product we were attempting to sell in Japan would have been marketed at five times the price at which it was sold n the United Kingdom."

Warning the Japanese Government that it should not underestimate the growing pressures for protectionism for British industries, Mr Dell hinted that the system of free trade could be preserved only if Japan opened up its markets on a reciprocal basis. "Those pressures come widely from influential sources. Our exports to Japan are far

From John Earle: Milan, April 18

Signor Eugenio Cefis, chair-man since 1971 of the troubled

Italian chemicals and fibres group Montedison, tonight re-afficued his decision to resign,

but persuaded the annul gen-eral meeting here to approve a resinufiled board favourable to

resputtled board tayournois to bis policies for the group's

A feature of the reshuffle was

the dropping of Signor Giuseppe Ratti, joint managing director, who as the executive respon-

sible for international opera-tions is well known abroad.

This follows the recent de-

parture of Signor Giorgio Corsi,

joint menaging director for finance, and Signor Gioacchino

Adhanese, personal assistant to

Among those brought in as vice-presidents are Signor Mario Schimberni, of Montefibre, and Signor Alberto Grandi, hitherm

joint managing director. Signor Celis agreed to remain as chair-

man only until a replacement is found.

He continued: "Therefore, when we speak to our people at home who face Japanese competition, we cannot appeal to a large expert trade in Japan as evidence of reciprocity which creates in the United Kingdom employment opportunities to compensate for those at are lost.

"So far the British Government has resisted these pressures, because we apheld the principle of free trade. We do not wish to be the country precipitates as collapse. And in this we need Japan's heip."

Mr Dell's forthright statement appears to have jokted the Government, which has parried Europe's more diplomatic complaints with vague assurarces doring the past five years.

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Both American and European businessmen in Tokyo appliauded Mr.

Dell's statement, Tonight a British exporter said: "At last someone has said enough is enough."

Surplus doubles: Japan's already large bulance of payments surplus doubled to \$940m (about £553m) in March, despite the recover rice of the recover price of the recover first of the recover f

the recent rise of the year on foreign exchange markets, and the Government's official policy of boosting imports to cut their trade surplus. Complaints from trading partners that the Japanese should reflare their economy will be renewed after yesterday's trade figures, which showed the balance for made in gods alone at plus \$1,500m.

A move in that direction came almost immediately with the announcement of a full I per cont cut in the Bank of Japan's discount rate, a cut nimed at costing home demand.

Japan's external position has now swung round from an overall deficit of \$1,770m in the fiscal year ending in March 1976, to a provisional surplus of \$3,260m in the year to last month.

iranches when the market was in a condition to absorb it. He

hoped a limited tranche would

be launched soon, to test the

Signor Ceffe said that afte

six years as chairman it was time for him to go. He claimed that his reorganization had brought the group from a state

of near disaster six years ago to one of operational efficiency.

While admitting it still faced problems, he said these depen-

ded on factors extraneous to management, such as the high cost of money and the con-trolled prices, which affect one-third of the turnover of the Montedison parent company in

group lost 172,000m lire com-pared to 163,000m in 1975. Group indebtedness at the of December was 3,162,000m lire,

December was 3,162,000m lire,
The rights issue, even if successful, will not enable the
group to meet its liabilities and
finance its capital investment.
Signor Ceffs said studies were
under way to raise more funds
by disposal of part or all of
the group's financial, banking
and insurance interests. Some
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interesting offers were under examination for the sale of the

group's main bank, Banco

market

for Cefis reshuffle

'Pay as you dive' threat to buoyancy in N Sea

Officials of the Treasury, whose hopes for economic recovery rest partly on sumined development of North Sea oil will tomorrow meat representatives of the 1.562 deep-sea divers engaged on the work.

The talks will concern the divers tax problems. More show a few divers are threatening on quit the North Sea flor other waters unless their grianunces are satisfactorily answered. The men, who perform one of the most dangerous jobs in industry and are noted for their

strong independent personal-ties, have surfaced in engry mond to take on the Whitehall Targer of their compaign for a better deal is the labad Revenue and the Finance Act (No 2) 1975, which has from

April 1 required many self-employed divers to be treated as employees of North Sea operators and, therefore, sub-ject to the PAYE system. This has been a blow, for divers who can work for 30 days at ambient pressures and then rest until ready for their next assignment, and who have an unsocial occupation with a

changing basis to their enployment.
They incur travel and other expenses, which they have been able to offset as self-employed persons in agreement with tax offices. There are bills for equipment and other items.

Further, it is unlikely that many divers can continue m work beyond 35 years of age and their earnings are intended to compensate them for this fact, as well as the many medical and other bazards of their work.

work.
Feelings among divers are strong enough for some of them to form the Divers Action Com-mittee, based in Leicester. Mr Malcolm ("Mirk") Tooke a committee member, says feci-ings are strong over the taking away of self-employed status. Divers bove telephoned out lining their intentions to quit Britain for jobs abroad, where tax rules are more leniont and

allowances no problem. According, to Mr Tooke: Companies will be faced with having to employ less experienced help, perhaps resulting in a rise at accident rate; and a prolonged development of the North Sea fields."

Contrary to some figures. many divers appear to earn be-low £12,000 a year, and then only after gaining considerable experience for particular types of work. Earnings, hone the less, are well above most indu-trial occupations and can range from £8,000 to £16,000 a year, perhaps some even attuining higher gross figures in a good year with a run of good con-

It is understood that the It is understood that the Department of Energy is sympathetic to the divers' current auxieries, and itself worriod that, after some years of improving the supply of trained divers and the development of safety rules, there could be emigration atmong these key North Sea personnel.

Ford turn for 'differentials' strike | Montedison approval brings Halewood plant to a halt

All car production came to a All car production came to a standard at the huge Ford motor plant at Halewood on Merseyside last might, and 8,000 workers in the body making and assembly areas have been laid off indefinitely because of a strike by 1,000 skilled engineers who are demanding seasoners regulating rights. eparate negotiating rights.

The strikers are members of the Amelgamated Union of Engineering Workers and their suppage will almost certainly face the union leadership with still more embarrassing prob-lems, like those created by the strike of sirport maintenance enginers and the recent long and damaging stoppage by Leyalso demanding the right to negotiate seperately in en effort to restore their status and pay differentials when phase two ends.

The trouble at Halewood began last Thursdey when the engineers, who are mostly toolmen, walked out efter eight men had been suspended by the management for holding an unauthorized meeting during working hours.

The suspension ended yesterday morning, but the strikers held a mass meeting and decided to continue their stop-

said that the question of the disciplinary action involving the eight men was only the tip of the iceberg." The root of the trouble appeared to be of the trouble appeared to be a demand by skilled workers for a strengthening of their representation and some measure of independence in negotiations with the company at both national and local level.

He said: "Since the un-official walk out by the engi-neers last Thursday, we have lost production of about 1,200 Escort cars, worth about £2.5m at showroom value. " Now, with the decision to

having to lay off the whole of the day and night shifts in both the body making plant and the car assembly areas, and this will mean production losses of roughly 900 cars a day."

The transmissions department at Halewood which supplies other Ford factories in addition its own assembly lines, is still operating.

However, the striking engineers at Halewood are calling on skilled workers at other Ford plants to support their action, a move which if it succeeds. could progressively bring all of the company's vehicle assembly operations to a halt.

They are elso seeking official demands, which undoubtedly stem partly from grievances over the erosion of skill dif-ferentials as well as a belief that the skilled groups in the car plants are under represented in Ford's negotiating

Credit Suisse to take over Italian

Winefood group

Corsico, Italy, April 18.—
Signor Brutio Cicuttini, the director general of Winefood SpA, a spirits and food-processing concern, said today that Credit Suisse had "effective control" of the company and would take over formal control "when the final details are worked out".

He said that he did not

He said that he did not believe this plan would be affected by the recont disclosure by the Swiss bank that its Chiasso branch had suffered

"There has been a lot of stuff in the press in recent days", he said, "but we are not in-

some of Winefood's recent financing had come from Itia Fiduciaria, a Milan financing concern controlled by Credit

Budget blanks left by Finance Bill

The 1977 Finance Bill is being published today. It will provide details on a range of subjects including the disposal of BP shares, the allocation of £100m to the inner cities, more action against tax dodgers and the general switch from direct to indirect taxation.

stage of incomes policy, publi-cation of the Bill will not be able to provide the answers to all post-Budget questions.

European Community finance ministers have agreed to supof countries and Western industrial nations on a roughly equal

Britain's monthly trade deficit up to £232m Although these items still make up only a fairly small proportion of total imports, their UK TRADE unie of exports increased very sharply in the road transport Economics Correspondent Britain's deficit on its trade following are the March with the rest of the world in-creased alightly to £232m in March, as imports of oil bounced back from their very equipment sector and quite notably in one or two other

fields. Car exports are notorious for the extent to which Both exports and imports almost certainly be unwise to went up during the month, with assume that the corner has at an increase in volume rather than merely an increase in growth in exports. The usual warning about one month's fig-ures applies as strongly as ever.

The quarterly trends are probably a better indicator of what is happening on the import side During the first quarter the total level of imports of finished manufactures, which are the sort of goods where the United Kingdom has to compete if it wishes to survive in world markets, rose by 3! per cent in volume terms. Even this is an understatement. because it understatement, because it would have been considerably larger but for a drop in machinery, much of which is destined for the North Sea oil-

exports of transport equipment (mostly cars) fell by 6½ per cent in volume terms, while machinery exports were down'2 per cent. Some of the drop in car exports is likely to be made to now that British Leyland is fields which are now slowing down the rate of investment. At a time when our exports of cars were falling in volume terms by 62 per cent, imports rose 15 per cent, while the broad category of other manu-factures rose 9 per cent. up now that British Leyland is back in production, but pros-pects for the car industry as a whole do not seem particularly bright worldwide.

Revrolle Parsus 6p to 1650 Rio Tinto Zinc 8p to 2340 Savoy Hotel 'A' 5p to 50p Smith, W. H. A 5p to 465p

Torsl imports of manufactures Total imports of manufactures are now more than twice as high as in 1970, whereas imports of industrial materials have gone up only by a fifth.

Since sales in volume terms were felling dwing the first quarter, the increase in the absolute volume of imports reflects an even more significant

flects an even more significant increase in their share of the domestic market. The two factors which remain

the main sources of improve-ment in the country's prospects for its balance of payments over the year are North Sta oil and the surplus on invisibles. The surplus ou invisibles is now running at a steady £220m a Even more important as far

as potential for improvement is concerned, oil production con-tinues to grow. During March there was a slight increase in purchases from abroad, but the underlying trend to balance and then surplus is clear for all to see. Clearly, the danger which is still present is that a surplus from oil will be used to go on running a deficit on everything

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trade figures seasonally adjusted and corrected on a balance of payments basis with allowance for known recording errors, as by the Department of

Experts imports balance

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June	2,070	2,395	- 325
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Aug	2,078	2,354	- 276
Sept	2,220	2,581	- 361
Oct	2,306	2,624	- 318
Nov.	2,320	2,775 *	- 455
Dec	2,448	2,662	- 214
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1975	198,5	245.0	81.0
1976 -	240.6	299.4	50.4
1976 Q1	219.0	268.3	81.6
Q2	234.2	291.7	80.3
Q3	247.4	307.3	80.5
Q4	261.7	330.0	79.3
1977 Q1 I	274.5	539.4	80.9
1976			
April	228.4	285.4	80.0
May	233.9	294.2	79.5
June	240.4	301.1	79.8
July	242.6	306.1	79.3
Aug	247.9	308.0	80.5
Sept	251.7	311.8	80.7
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losses that could reach \$100m (about £58.5m).

However, he admitted that

Signor Cicuttini said that formal control of Winefood would be given to Credit Suisse in return for having the Swiss bank reorganize the Italian firm's debts.

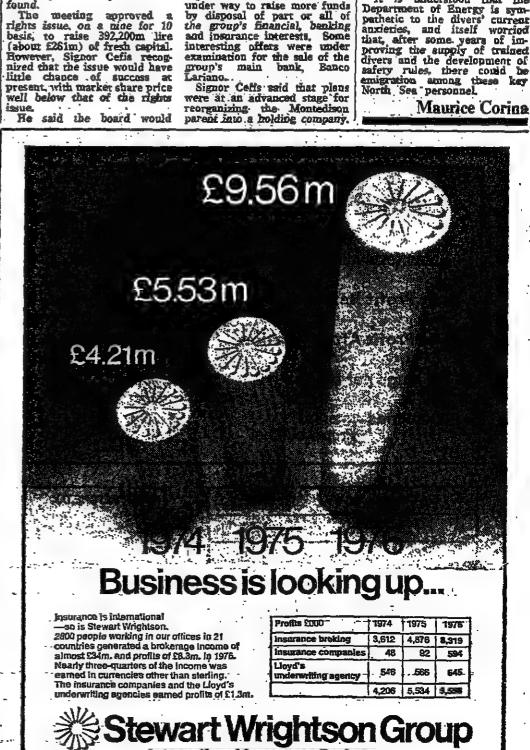
Because part of the Budget proposals for easing personal taxation are conditional upon a successful outcome to the current discussions on a third

LMF plan approved

port IMF plans to create a special fund to finance balance of payments deficits. Money for the fund will come from Arab

Wall Street wary

With investors warily awaiting President Carter's energy speech Wall Street closed 5 points down to 942.76.



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Ring & Shaxson 3p to 50p Spikington 8p to 50p Section Eng Shell Titaghar Tute Unilever Whatlings 8p to 33p Equities fell back on pay doubts. Gilt-edged securities lost £1.30 in SDR-S was 1.16254 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.676407. places.
Dollar premium 119.75 per cent
(effective rate 44.527 per cent).
Sterling rose 15 points to 51.195.
Its effective exchange rate was
up 0.1 at 61.7, Commodities: Reuter's index was

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Bank of Scotland Stewart Wrightson Preliminary Amountements:

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By Our Commercial Editor

Britons as a whole were still reserved in their attitude to-wards credit and even among credit card holders there was a degree of caution, Mr Ralph Kettell, national sales manager for Barclaycard, said at the annual conference in Eastbourne yesterday of the Radio, Electrical and Television Retailers' Association.

Research had shown this and it was the reason Barclaycard, which was spending around £500,000 on advertising campaigns this year, was running a campaign to try to dispel the fears of cardholders, Mr Kettell

Barclaycard nevertheless was recruiting 40,000 new card holders a month and adding new retailers at the rate of 1.500 a month.

But he admitted that the two major travel and entertainment cards, American Express and Diners Club, were expanding, with respectively 20,000 and 17,000 outlets. This compared with Barclaycard and Access, each with around 100,000 outlets, Mr Kettell said.

Although the Consumer Credit Act had stopped any fur-

ther direct selling of credit card facilities to the public, other forms of promotion are to be tried. Meeting the Credit requirements would ally cost Barclaycard eventually cost Barclaye

At the conference, the theme of which was "Profit or Loss", Mr Ronald Gleadow, commer-cial manager of the South-eastern Electricity Board, forecast a greater importance for retailers in the selling chain if, as now seemed likely, the sys-tem of manufacturers' reconmended prices (MRP) was abandoned through Government

He described as "utter balderdash" the belief among some manufacturers that if re-trilers were left to fix prices it would be "a major disaster" with many makers going out of

"All the abolition of MRP will mean is that we will have to be sensible about all aspects of our retailing.

The independent review of the

Community backs IMF plans to finance balance of payment deficits

European Community finance ministers tonight decided to give their full support to plans fund will be discussed at the IMF Interim Committee meeting in Washington on April 28 and 29. by the International Monetary Dr Hans Apel, West German Finance Minister, told journalists that the special facility of up to \$14,000m (about Fund for a special fund to finance balance of payments deficits in developing and industrial of the Exchequer and current President of the EEC Finance Council, inld a press conference. £8,000m) must have strict conditions attached for borrowing Mr Healey said the special facility could come into force next autumn. Money for the

the IMF, would come in roughly

producing nations with substan-

tial payments surpluses, and from leading Western industrial

nations grouped in the Organi-

From Frank Vogl

Washington, April 18

Mr Henry Ford II, the chair-man of the Ford Motor Com-

pany, believes that one reason

why American-made small cars

are not selling too well is that the Japanese might be dumping

In a television interview, Mr

Ford said that he does not have

all the facts, but he believes it

is true and that the time has come for the United States

Government to take a tough

He said he has long suppor-ted the introduction of a petrol

consumption and he would not

object if President Carter pro-

posed such a tax this week.

He firmly opposed, however, the introduction of a tax on

large cars that needed a great deal of petrol. Such a tax, he

suggested, might drive many consumers out of the car buying

market altogether and lead to

the unemployment of 10,000

people or even more in the United States car industry.

Mr Ford said that he was

a tough stand against

car dumping by Japanese

Essentially, Dr Apel said, only the United States, West Germany, Japan, The Netherlands and Switzerland are seen fund, proposed by Dr Johannes as potential contributors to the special facility from the side Witteveen, managing director of equal halves from Arab oilof industrialized nations. Dr Apel added that the

Community decided against any increase in the IMF's special drawing rights (SDR). He implied that the United States zation for Economic Coopera-tion and Development (OECD). would also be opposed to such

deeply worried about the in-

creasing intervention of the

Government in the free enter-prise system and in the limita-tions being imposed by govern-ment on individual choice. "I think we are going down the socialist road in this country— not fast, but we are drifting,",

The Ford chief rejected the

suggestion that his company and its chief American rivels were making vast profits. "Our

making vast profits. "Our profits are terrible", he asserted.

to sales, assets and net worth.

When viewed in this way, it is clear that they are not sufficient

to enable the industry to comply

with government orders regard-

ing safety, pollution and fuel-

efficiency and at the same time

enable the industry to raise its

invest \$8,000m (abour £4,705m) to meet the laws—and this spending will not increase our productivity at ell", Mr Ford

" From now until 1980 we will

productivity.

They must be seen in relation

The Community was divided. however, on the problem of in-

creasing IMF quotas, Dr Apel

told reporters. He said The Netherlands and West Germany were firmly op-posed to increasing quotas more than 20 to 25 per cent, while Britain and Italy would like to see a quota rise of as much as 50 per cent and the IMF an in-

crease of as much as 100 per

In the absence of any clear Community verdict on the quota subject, Mr Healey, when presenting the EEC position at the IMF Interim Committee, will merely stress that the EEC as such sees no sense in changing the existing IMF quota dis-tribution.

Mr Ford wants US to take | EEC steel crisis policy attacked

By Our Industrial Correspon

Measures being implemented by the EEC Commission and aimed at alleviating the prob lems of the European stee industry were attacked yester-day by the head of one of West Germany's leading steel com-

Herr Hans Birnbaum, chair man of the managing board of Salzgitter AG said that the anticrisis measures drawn up by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the commissioner for industrial affairs, did not provide a sufproblems, and it remained to be seen if the EEC measures—due to be introduced from the begin-ing of next month would be

He told a press conference that competition on the world steel market was now so strong that there would be no quick reduction in the overcapacity situation—at least while demand for steel grew only slowly.

Annual world steel produc-tion was about 700 million tonnes against a capacity of 900 million tonnes, and there had been considerable expansion of capacity in Japan in ese exports to the REC, he said, were only relatively small in terms of the size of the total market, but their exports to third country markets were ruining EEC steel sales in those

The EEC's anti-crisis plan is assessment which led the Post aimed at schieving a long term Office, in November, 1976, to reduce the future levels of orders for telephone exchange with tougher controls on

In brief

West Dock

New Bristol attempt to get Toyota into port

Port of Bristol Authority yes terday offered the Japanese car of the current world steel crisis, to meet which the European company Toyota a cheaper site in another attempt to attract Commission is currently preit to the authority's showpiece paring various measures.

The revised offer could sway the decision in Bristol's favour after Toyota admitted it was well-aired controversy over the Port Talbot development, nor to constantly reviewing the situa-tion after land and site surveys his graphic account of the dire state of the Belgian industry, at Portbury revealed soaring except to say that the Belgian crisis goes well beyond the major steel company he describes.

development and running costs.

Mr John Pride, Toyota managing director, said: "It is a completely different package. It is impossible to say how much cheaper it is than the original deal because of various completed feeture?" incidental reference to Japan, and as this coincides with a news item elsewhere quoting Japanese claims of unfairness in recent United Kingdom A final decision would be made within two weeks. action on steel, I would like to Sugar talks open which might help balance the

Mr Gamani Corea, secretary general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), yesterday formally opened a negotiating conference in Vienna comprising representatives from about 100 nations aimed at drawing up a new sugar agree-

Cheaper farm loans

The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation yesterday anorporation yesterday ounced that interest variable rate loans will drop from the 17 per cent fixed last December to 14 per cent, and on fixed rate loans from the 16 per cent adopted last Octo-ber to 14 per cent. Existing fixed rate loans will not be affected, while the rate of 17 per cent will apply on existing variable rate deals until the quarterly review in June.

Building Society boost A big increase in funds for the first formight of April was announced last night by Bri-tain's seventh largest building society, the Leicester. Despite Easter, the net intake over the two weeks was £9m-equal to the whole of March. Mr Basil Sharman, chairman, told the society's annual meeting in Leicester funds were now Leicester funds were now beginning to flow back.

Improved radiator

A new type of lightweight copper radiator for automotive use which, it is claimed, can be produced at significantly lower cost then the conventional product, was announced yesterday by Marston Radiators. The result of three years work sponsored by the International Copper Research Association, it is said to meet the most strin-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restructuring essential for all major steel producing nations

Sir, The article in today's issue ese steel capacity he mentions, of The Times by Mr Tim some 20 million tonnes is made Renton refers to various aspects up by the 50 or so non-of the current world steel crisis, integrated works, currently making heavy losses (reported last week at 36 United States, dollars a tonne), and only remaining in existence by virtue of immense loans from I cannot usefully add to the major Japanese trading houses —the nearest "Japan Ltd " gets

They, too, are the subject of a "crisis plan" not yet accepted by all of them, and they are the source of the imports which arrived in He does, however, make an were dispatched.

The lower Japanese prices The British Independent Steel

to overt state support.

efficiency, but of what almost amounts to a "closing down sale", and it would be unfortunate, to say the least, if this were allowed to exacerbate Europe's own current steel crisis by meek acceptance of damaging imports, or to befor the very difficult arguments on essential restructuring which must somehow be solved by all major traditional steel producBY TI

ing countries.

The Biblical exhortation to remember the "beam" in our own eye is still very valid, but there really is a "mote" in the other fellow's eye too, and our Europe last week at price which certainly constituted us in stating their side of the dumping by reference to the case. British industry—whether nationalized or not—is not the wrong. always in the wrong. SELWYN WILLIAMS.

now being mentioned are Producers Association, evidence, not of greater cost 5 Cromwell Road, London, SW7

Less than just to engineering

From Miss J. Soesan
Six, Mr Hansard (The Times,
April 7) has got it all wrong.
He will have to supply a great
deal more information before
his argument can be accepted.
For a start he could specify
the "United States standards"
he has in mind, qualify "too
much" in referring to investment in inventories, identify the
source of his statistics and tell us what happened to the figures

It is difficult to cogently against Mr Hansard's stock relief scheme is to prepoorly substantiated assertions. However, the comparison he makes does less than justice to the engineering industry: con-sideration of three points will perhaps redress the balance

dustry.

1. The increased value of stocks in United Kingdom engineering companies since 1973

1976 rose by 83 per cent in the United Kingdom and 36 per cent in the United States (source: Trade and Industry, April 8, 1977). Obviously the value of stocks in this country will have increased relatively. 2. The whole point of the

vent industry paying tax on the non-realizable paper profits which accrue from this very stock appreciation. With this relief the real rate of return in perhaps redress the balance British manufacturing industry and enable him to understand in 1975 was below 4 per cent the true situation in the industry.

October 8, 1976): without it industry would not have even

results more from inflation 3. The IMF loan is of no than from massive stockpiling relevance to this discussion, of physical goods. In this Government would not have to period United Kingdom infla-borrow less if industry did not. borrow less if industry did not that of the United States; con-sumer prices between 1972 and funds between sectors of the funds between sectors of the economy is not as simplistic as Mr Hansard seems to think

The Government acted wisely in recognizing the effect of inflation on industry's stock levels. So far so good. Now it must recognize how the burden of deferred taxation is affect. ing financing and, as a matter of urgency, come up with a permanent solution for

Yours faithfully JUDITH SOESAN. Assistant Director Commercial Federation. Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NQ.

A better use of railway land?

Sir, Mr Sidney Weighell in his letter (April 7) shows much concern that heavy lorries may not pay their full share of track costs. However, there is no doubt that road users as a whole pay far more in tax than the cost of maintaining and building the roads they use. They make a very substantial positive contribution to central government funds.

Mr Weighell was careful to mentioning that rail freight, which he believes to lic asset. Since government be unfairly treated, pays receives no return on its heavy be unfairly treated, pays received almost no track costs at all capital

This was brought to light in railways in fact the return is Chapter 8 of the Government's recent consultation document. Rail freight services have their track costs debited to pas-senger services using the same route these in turn being heavily subsidized by taxpayers. Prominent among the latter are the lorry operators with whom the railways are supposed to compete on equal

deserve praise for their adherence to the terms of the Social

Contract and the more discerning of their leaders are, I fee!

perhaps on a more flexible basis to deal with differentials.

North Sea oil and gas developments have contributed

until now although it may be that, as a source of new jobs,

Sea wells and that by 1979 we shall be self-sufficient. It is

revenues be treated as the seed corn of the future and not

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

become mere puppets of the State.

providential that our faltering national economy should have

such a stout prop but it is imperative, if our children's children

dissipated in maintaining an artificially high standard of living.

I find it saddening that during this period of grave economic

should have been diverted from the task of achieving greater

efficiency, finding new products or markets and bailding up

and Safety at Work Act, the Employment Protection Act and

ments of these statutes but simply wish to make the point that

the Social Security Pensions Act. I am not questioning the

there are limits to the ability of the business community to digest and apply new legislation.

Company boards and managements have also had to devote

valuable time to assessing the implications of the Devolution

exaggeration to say that no graver threat exists to continuance

since the last war to apply varying Bank of England directives with flexibility and without causing widespread dislocation. That flexibility would inevitably be lost were the banks to

competition between the banks for personal business is keen

standards of service and the variety of their charges. Who can

senously believe that after nationalisation that healthy state of

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Bill, the Bullock Report and, within the banking industry,

proposals for nationalisation. As for the latter, it is not an

of the mixed economy. The banking system has been able

The personal customer would also suffer. Today

and that rivalry finds its most obvious expression in their

vital profitability to the study and application of many new and complex statutes. I have in mind, such enactments as the Consumer Credit Act, the Sex Discrimination Act, the Health

difficulty so much management time, thought and effort

are not to castigate us as a generation of profligates, that the oil

materially to the relative strength of the Scottish economy up

these developments have passed their peak. It is estimated that

this year half of the U.K. requirement will come from the North

sure, anxious to see its life prolonged into a third stage, though

Mr Weighell believes the railways to be a valuable pub-

negative since operating subsi-dies are needed—railway assets present use. What could be of immense

value to our country is the land now occupied by the railways. It forms a route network of incomparable potential—if only we could take the rails ANGUS DALGLEISH.

Chairman, Railway Conversion League Ltd., Shouson Hill, Chertsey KT16 9NH.

forecasting techniques used by the Post Office to determine got its sums right. how Mr Posner will choose to interpret his terms of raference. Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, asked Mr Posner simply to consider the assessment which led the Post The Government set up the inquiry in March after intense its telecommunications equipment requirements is expected pressure from the industry which was disturbed that the to be ready by next month. HTERS. Senior executives in the equipment manufacturing induscuts in exchange equipment

try who have given evidence before Mr Michael Posner, the Cambridge economist brought spending announced by the Post Office last November could cost the industry 15,000 jobs over a in by the Government to con-

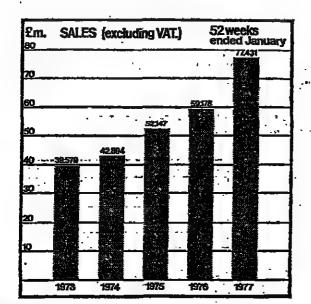
Support likely for Post Office forecasts duct the inquiry, believe that the review will probably con-clude that the corporation has Speculation now centres on

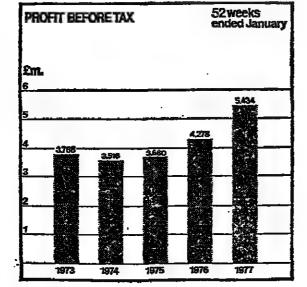
Pretax profits exceed

Sales for the 52 weeks ended 29th January 1977 increased by 31 per cent, and profits by 27 per cent. Compared with the 53 weeks to January 1976 the respective increases were 28 per cent. and 23 per cent.

 In the opening two months of the current financial year sales have increased by approximately one-third over last year. A continuing increase of sales in both value and volume is anticipated thereby maintaining real growth.

Group Results	1977 52 weeks £000	1976 52 weeks £000	1976 53 weeks £000
Sales (excluding VAT)	77,431	59,178	60,265
Net Profit Before Taxation	5,434	4,278	4,429
Net Profit After Taxation	2,622	2,011	2,082
Earnings per share	12.05p	9.94p	10.27p
Dividends Interim Proposed final	1.53p 1.80p		1.39p 1.64p





Deposits and Advances show substantial increases in a strong **Balance Sheet** ...Lord Clydesmuir



Meeting of the Proprietors of the Bank of Scotland will be held on May 10 within the Head Office, Edinburgh. The following is an extract from the statement by the Governor of the Bank, The Rt. Hon. Lord Clydesmuit, K.T., C.B., M.B.E.

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT Last year I referred to the

formulation of our Group strategy and mentioned particularly our having created the largest Scottish merchant bank - Bank of Scotland Finance Company Limited. In implementation of our plan to expand still further this merchant banking arm of the Group, we have promoted private legislation to transfer the entire business and undertaking of Bank of Scotland Finance Company Limited to The British Linen Bank which, since the merger of 1971, has been a dormant member of the Group. We believe that The British Linen Bank, with its long tradition of service to Scotland and with its capital increased to £8 million, will be ideally suited to its new function.

Our strategy also envisaged a substantial expansion of the activities of our International Division. The progress of that Division has lived up to expectations and we look forward with confidence to an increasingly significant contribution to profits from this source in the years ahead.

THE YEAR'S RESULTS

The Group's operating profit for the year is £27,330,000 which represents an increase of 28.7% over the previous year. After deduction of additional provision made last year and this year our profit of £26,330,000 compares with £17,236,000 in 1976 and the improvement of £9 million has arisen mainly in our Clearing Bank operations, supported by excellent results from our finance house subsidiary, North West Securities Limited which from its leasing, instalment credit and hire purchase activities, earned a total of £6,567,000, an increase of £2,589,000 over the previous year. This is a magnificent achievement. In the merchant banking field, Bank of Scotland Finance Company Ltd., showed a material advance in profit at £1,958,000 compared with £1,470,000 last year.

International Energy Bank continues to make sound progress. Our share of its profit increased from £145,000 to £278,000, and the total contribution from Associated Companies amounts to £444,000.

The Group pre-tax profit thus becomes £26,774,000 an increase of 53.3% over the previous year.

An interim dividend of 4.87p per £1 Capital Stock has already been paid and the Board are now recommending payment of a final dividend of 4.884p per £, which is the maximum permissible under present regulations.

It appeared in mid-1976 that the Government's counter-inflation policy was beginning to show results and that a single-figure inflation rate could be predicted with confidence. Alas, the slide in sterling has frustrated these expectations and as the higher costs of imports work their way through the economy the purchasing power of the pound in our pocket has started to decline more rapidly. The Trade Unions

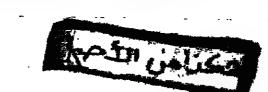
SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS Year ended 28th February Group operating profit Additional pension provision Additional bad debt provision Share of associated companies' profits

affairs would continue?

Group pre-tax profit 26,774 Profit attributable (after tax and extraordinary items) Dividends absorb 3,146



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BY:THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Reyrolle's switch of direction

So far as it is possible Reyrolle Parsons has been insulating itself against the effects
of the lack of any United Kingdom programme of power
station orders, either nuclear
or convential, but the enthusiasm which pushed up the
shares op to a new high for the
year at 165p on a bad day in
the stock market, needs tempering with some caution.

For this year, at least, conlevel seems assured. The question is whether by mid1978, when the current order load has worked through, Reyrolle will have done enough to avert a swing into losses.

Development work on switch-Development work on switch-gear over the past few years paid off last year and consider for around half the growth in trading profits from 17.4m to £10.8m as exports grew to account for more than half the division's sales.

Despite the worldwide slack Desprie the woulding, the in power station building, the downstream lines continue to dinductor downstream innes continued in dinductor grow, and orders for switch-men, the grow, and orders for switch-men, the grow continue to flow in while affaid the Reyrolle's motors and independent seasons continue to

But even with two thirds of the business doing well, the key
to future prosperity is still very
much tied up with the power
generation business. The profitable 1976 workload can be maintained in 1977 while cash contimes to be built up. Retentions excluding a loan stock redemption surplus and extraordinary items was £6.8m, while only ACT is payable in the United Kingdom. Capital spending this year will only be £11m above the £31m depreciation

There are some doubts as to whether 80 per cent of work-in-progress can continue to be financed by progress payments, but, after increasing liquidity by f7.4m and leaving cash of f5m at the year end, cash flow continues to be strong, and should be available to meet side in a system of the state of the state of the state of the system of the state of the state

This year profits could be sustainable at the pre-tax as well as the trading level for although exchange gains from dollar contracts will be smaller than last year's £3.6m, interest charges should be lower. A yield of 9 per cent, however, on a fully restored dividend, is not such a bargain given the uncertainties, even though it is uncertainties, even though it is six times covered.

Copindisation LLCIN Sales E163m (F127m) Pre-tax profits £15.8m (£7.0m) Earnings per share 60.7p (31.9p) Dividend gross 15p (10-8p)

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Underlying strengths

Final: 1976 (1975)

Revelations about Sir Eric Miller's management style at Peachey Property Corporation, along with the usual, but now recharged rumours of imminent takeover, tend to overshadow the figures filling the occasional space between auditors qualifi-cation and chairman's statement in the 10% accounts

in the 1976 accounts. A glance at the figures reveals a rather less glamorous company than Sir Eric's flambuoyant style might have implied. But 1976's pre-tax profits of £846,000 have been struck after the extraordinary charge of £282,000—for extraordinary reasons—plus a further £630,000 loss covering provisions against the Lyon Toulouse and Norththe Lyon, Toulouse and North-amptonshire schemes. A sample valuation of the portfolio pro-



Mr Joseph Godber, chairman of Tricentrol: further boost from North American gas

duced a £7m surplus; supporting an asset per share of over 70p. That asset backing, plus the impact on future years profits of the elimination of special provisions, added to the arrival of Barclays Merchant Bank as financial advisers to the board, ought to make either an attractive bid package or a sound and undervalued share of Peachey.

The joker in the pack remains The joker in the pack remains
Sir Eric. The scale of the
financial problems which
occurred during his reign are
clear. But until it is evident
whether he stays or goes the
hards will remain nurely shares will remain purely speculative. If he stays, they will go back to being speculative

Tricentrol

Valuing the Thistle stake

After four years of declining profits. Tricentrol has come back in fine style with almost quadrupled fourth quarter earnings boosting the full year 151 per cent to £2.48m.

For perspective, however, profits are still only helf as much again as the 1972 peak although that historic perform-ance has precious little bearing on the shares now that Tricentrol has developed into a fully-fledged second-line oil stock. It has proven North See discoveries (plus the spice of more to come in its fifth round concessions) and gas interests in the United States, which loo certain to get a new lease of life after President Carter's

energy meatures tomorrow. Just to go on what is known, a line drawn through Ashlend's deal with Santz Fe throws up a value of £50m net of debt for Tricentrol's Thisle stake, equivalent to 130p a share accepted a current share price of egainst a current shere price of 138p. While small producer status stone has pushed up 1976 gas profits by £330,000 and retrospective price increases were meant a £275,000 exception.

tional profit for 1975. Meanwhile, the 1976 improvement has been spread equally between the North American oil and gas interests and recovery in the commercial division in the United Kingdom. North American pre-interest profits, though marking time in the fourth quarter, rose 28 per cent to £2m during the year. Performance in the commercial

lia and Canada up two-thirds to £556,000 offsetring the recovery in Holland and the United Kingdom but Canada is now apparently coming right and unless fresh management can turn Australia round the group

Tricentrol has now taken the necessary steps to rectify its cash flow deficit of eround film last year with the rights issue purchase of Ashmole Investment Trust and sale of some of its North Sea interests bringing in £8.4m which will bridge the gap until Thisile starts to come

In the light of those sort of prospects, holders can afford to live with a yield of under 1 per cent and a sky-high p/e rodo

Final: 1976 (1976) Capitalization £47.2m Sales £72.6m (£56.1m) Pre-tax profits £2.48m (£0.99m) Earnings per share 5.6p (3.1p) Dividend gross 1.25p (-)

Empire Stores

Gaining market share

Empire Stores (Bradford) sacrificed margins to market share in the first half of the year to the end of January, and whole margins were restored in the second six months, it certainly was not at the expense of market share. rose by 41 per cent, more than double the industry average.

Of that rather more than half related to volume. So in terms of its sales, at least, the group is already raking in the benefits of the expansion in the number of agents which helped to knock profitability in the early part of last year. And since the group starts from a smaller base than either of its two independent mail order competitors (Freemans and Gratians) it has room to main-tain a high degree of growth

However, even assuming that Empire can maintain she one third sales growth achieved in the first two months of this year, it is a most point whether profits will grow at a commensurate rate. For a start profitability will be depressed this year, as lest by some £300,000 in additional costs relating to double running on computerization of the agency

In addition last year's £89,000 (down from £312,000) contribution from short-term deposits, now eroded by the expansion of working capital requirements, is not going to be remested.

As against this the most vigorous phase of agent recruitment is now over, so that the additional business generated by those already in operation should work through more directly into profits. But even if margins emerge from the year, ou balance, more or less intact, there is a question over whether this will do anything much for the group's rating.

It is true that Empire probably has more growth in it now than Freemans—which recorded a 29 per cent improvement in profits for the year just ended—and certainly was more growth in it than Grattan. But the yield at 114p (down 1p yesterday) is only 4.5 per cent. That is not much for shareholders to cousole themselves with while they walt for the great expansion of non-food retail sales which should start to work through in 1978.

work through in 1978.

Final: 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £24.8m Sales £77.43m (£59.18m) Pre-tax profits 15.45m re-Earnings per share 12.05p (9.94p)

division is still extremely patchy with losses in Malaysia, Austra-Dividend gross 5.12p (4.66p)

The day of the industrial rela-tions codes will shortly arrive for fearful and complaining to smaller firms.
The local

employers.

The codes on disciplinary practice and procedures, and on disclosure of information to on disclosure of information to trade union negoriators, have already been sent by the Advi-sory, Conciliation and Arbitra-tion Service to Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment. He has laid the former before Parliament, and both could come into effect in a couple of months.

The code on allowing time off for trade union activities is the subject of lively and difficult consultation, but may follow a month or two luter. A fourth on collective bargaining procedures, including trade union recognition, will soon be in draft form. in draft form.

binding, but unless employers observe them, at least in the spirit, they are likely to find cases going against them at hearings of industrial tribunals or the Central Arbitration Committee. When the codes on disclosure and time off have been approved by Parliament the relevant sections of the Employment Protection Act will be put into force.

When consultative drafts of the first three were published lost year, they provoked immediate hostile reactions to both their tone and content from

The Engineering Employers' Federation described that on discipline as confused in a potential recipe for conflict expression. It expression. It urged that its and loss of production; it provisions should be made less treated union duties as inde-

employers saw a fundamental defect in an apparent attempt to apply disciplenery rules not only to misconduct but also to inadequate performance.

The Confederation of British Industry said the draft on disciplenery was more likely to come

closure was more likely to give rise to conflict than to assist responsible collective bargain-ing. It listed five major shortcomings, partly concerned with form and emphasis but complaining particularly of vague references to the limited rel-evance of some kinds of information in particular circum-

said, did not reflect the essential balance between different sections of the Act, was one-sided and dealt inadequately

with union responsibilities.
The EEF was concerned that the code should be used conthe code should be used con-structively and responsibly, not to discupt existing bargaining patterns or to fabricate tra-necessary claims. Requests for information should have to be justified by the unions and the whole draft should be reexamined to make sure that it did not give the impression that union requests for information would always be justifiable and that employers would always try to limit disclosures. Greatest indignation, however, was aroused by the consulta-tive code on time off for union

duties. The CBI described it as

Eric Wigham

Are employers worrying too much about

pendent of the business aims of an enterprise; it could provide limitless scope for time off by giving union officials the sole right to decide how much was needed.

On the face of it, it is curious that the Council of the Advisory Conciliation and

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, which has three employer nominees among its nine members, should have approved without dissent the publication of the papers which aroused so much employer resentment. By large the council seeks sensus rather than majority decisions, though there have been votes from time to time, particularly on recognition

There has been no vote on the draft codes. The employers have in any case little chance of genting a majority since the other six members consist of three from the TUC General Conneil and three academics.

of whom at least two are always

likely to support the trade

Moreover, they would be more conscious than CBI members and other employers that much that was distasteful was due to the Act itself rather than to the framing of the codes designed to interpret it. No doubt they thought that more was to be gained by leaving it to outside pressures from the CBI and other organi-zations to secure amendments

If so, they have so far proved to be right. The only code so far published in its final form, that on discipline, goes a long way to meet criticisms. Small employers have not been given a blanket exclusion from the a blanker excitation from the obligation to adopt felt disciplinary procedures thu a sentence has been inserted in the first paragraph which says:

"In the smaller establishments it may not be practicable to adopt all the detailed provisions, but most of the features listed could be adapted and in-corporated into a simple proce-

The references to standards of performance have been

The final draft on disclosure, though not yet published, is known to have been reshaped and the balance altered by listing, near the beginning the Act's restrictions on union rights to demand information. There could well be a some-what similar change of emphasis in the time off code, this has proved particularly difficult because while ACAS inquiries showed that present-

practice varies widely, many employers fear that large costs will result from giving paid time off for trade union duties and industrial relations training. In this code, perhaps even more than in the others, it is the terms of the Act, rather than the interpretary which are the cause of complaint.

the new industrial relations codes? during the consultative process anxious about the codes gen-than by forcing an employer erally. The broad philosophy of union confrontation on the industrial relations which they will embody goes little beyond that of the code of practice drawn up under the Conserva-tive Industrial Relations Act of 1971 and retained

Labour until sections of it could be replaced by the new The old code is being elab orated, and a more detailed formulation places some additional responsibilities on the employer. The main difference, however, is that, in the case of disclosure and time off for union duties, the Employment Protection Act gives the unions enforceable legal rights.

To a degree, a legal obliga-tion replaces a moral obliga-

the spirit of the Conservative Code are unlikely to find themselves in trouble. The codes will contribute to greater consistency in tribunal and CAC awards relating those parts of the Act.

What some employers feel, after all the recent spate of legislation on industrial relations and discrimination, is that the establishment of a series of new codes is too much and too soon. The stand-ing of the ACAS as an impar-tial tribunal may be damaged. by its involvement in the enforcement of an Act which

The Commission on Industrial Relations was killed by its involvement in Conservative law. It is a pity if ACAS is

Why hotels are still changing hands

Adda International's dispos the Chelsea Hotel last week is only one of at least 17 instances where large Loudon hotels have changed hands during the last

at all are a symptom of the upturn in hotel fortunes since the devaluation of sterling brought foreigners flooding back into Britain. Two years earlier, when the overcapacity caused by the grant-aided explosion in new hotel building was at its peak, no buyers—Arab backed or otherwise—could be

backed or otherwise—could be found for London hotels.

The sums handed over in the recent deals illustrate, however, that the hotel industry's return to prosperity is as yet far from complete. For example, the £6m agreed for the Chelsea—a modern hotel opened in 1975, with a good central location and a roof-top swimming

1975, with a good central location and a roof-top swimming pool—is, at less than £28,000 a bedroom, wall below the estimated cost of replacement.

Trust Houses Forta in particular, got a bargain in the 30 Strand hotels it purchased from J. Lyons earlier this year.

Although lest year's improved occupancy levels and the certainty that this year's will be even better have helped marters, the economic facts of the present day hotel business are such that it is not possible to recoup the cost of construction.

The gap between the room
tariffs that the market will bear
and the price of building is too wide to encourage any new

investment.
The rough yardstick used by experts such es consultants Green, Bertram Smith is that it is necessary to charge at least £1 per night per £1,000 invested in a new hotel bedroom. Typical building costs at present start at £25,000 to £40,000 per room, so that simple arithmetic pro-duces a nightly tariff which is: beyond all but the richest

Like all rules of thumb the offered, but Mr Clive Derby, formula of £1 per £1,000 per chief executive of the British room has to be used with Hotels. Restaurants and caution. It is, for instance, Catevers Association, says that based on fairly high occupancy the association is communing to levels (the key element in the press the case. financial management of hotels). As things stand-there are, not of about 70 per cent and does surprisingly, no new hotels not state into account the critish under construction in Tandar

Date Motein Price The Dorchester Arab-backed syndicate Development Securities June '76 £9m Believed to be Arab Royal Kensington Hotel Magnum Group (in Central City Hotel Central Park Hotel, S & M Hotels (in £1m plus Bayswater Cumberland; Regent Palace; Strand Palace; Anel, London Airport. Nov '78 J. Lyona (Strand Hotels) £27.6m 30 hotels in total (7 in London) eatbury, London Knott Hotels Corporation Trust Houses Forte plus 3 in United States kyline Park Tower, Sheraton (ITT) Knightebridge Skyline Hotel, Heathrow Chelsea Hotel Rangate, believed to Adds. International £8m. be. Arab backed London Embassy Ind Coope-Hotels Embessy Hotels (Hyde Park)

many hotel developers have had to bear on borrowed capital: These and other factors, such increasing wage costs, which this labour intensive industry hard, the cost of conforming to the new fire precaution regulations and, above all, the drop in occupancy levels in 1974 and

per room then to nearer £2 per £1,000. per £1,000:

High investment costs and the inability to earn an adequate return are key points in the industry's plea for Treasury help in the shape of the extension to hotels of the building ablowances given to manufacturing industry.

The argument is that the hotel business, an important foreign currency earner, will

foreign currency earner, will not be able to accommodate future customers unless it can build more horel rooms and modernize its old ones.
So far the plea has fallen on

deaf ears. The piez day fahen on deaf ears. The relief hoped for in the last budget was not offered, but Mr Clive Derby, chief executive of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Category Association, says that the execution is communicated.

of about 70 per cent and does surprisingly, no new hotels not take into account the crip-plingly high interest rates which and none in the planning pipe-

line. With the expected high occupancy rates for the fore-seeable future—the signs are that London will be bursting at the seams this summer—this must force up the value existing buildings.

Why then have the recent apparently low prices? The answer lies in special factors affecting the industry which more or less forced many

of the sales. Many hoteliers borrowed heavily in the 1970s to take maximum advantage of the government's much criticized

development Completion of the large number of new hotel bedrooms which resulted was delayed by innumerable construction hitches. When they were finished it coincided with a simp in demand during 1974

ternational group's experience with the Chalsea was not untypical. Having been beset with delays and problems since starting the project in 1970, Adda eventually was forced to buy out the leasehold interest when the developer falled in 1974.

The London-based Adda In-

The group, which reported a pre-tax loss of £1.2m for 1974, reduced to £284,530 in 1975, was reduced to £284,630 in 1979, was not greatly pleased at having to finance, the extre outgoing " as best they could," and taok the first sensible opportunity to get rid of the burden.

J. Lyons, which had incurred large borrowings overseas to finance expansion projects in the late 1960s and early 1970s, needed the proceeds from the the devaluation of sterling made the borrowing costs unsupport-

. A large number of hoteliers were unable to weather their dation. It is estimated that some 3,000 hotels, mostly small ones, closed in 1975. Some were converted into self-catering. flats; a few into clinics.

Hackney Council spent E675,000 last December on buy-ing the Alexandra National Hotel in Finsbury Park, London, from The Rank Organisation. Since then, it has approved a scheme to convert the botel into flats at a cost of a fur-ther £68,000.

Other hotels (and even more flar owners) found eager buyers in Arabs anxious to reinvest some of their recently boosted oil wealth, the most spectacular Arab purchase being the Dorchester Hotel last summer. This hotel was always much dmired and well patronized by distinguished Arab guests. More recent Arab approaches, however, have been reported for The Tower hotel, the one London hotel retained under J. Lyons ownership, and for the still unfinished Spanish-owned Melia hotel, which like the Tower has a site by the Thames.

The hotel pusiness has had a severe shaking in the last five years and it will take some time for the dust to settle. After burnt over property many hote groups sie opting out of development stogether and confining their activities to hotel management.

At the same time new development investment, if not from the boteliers then from some other source, is argently needed if the 65,000 new hotel catering Economic Develop-ment ... Committee says are needed by 1985 are to be built. The recent changes of owner contribute only by keeping existing hotels in business.

Patricia Tisdall

Business Diary: Leading lady • Baughan for ECGD

Miriam Stoppard, a Briton, has become the highest-ranking woman executive in the Syntex Corporation, an American maker of "the Pill". She is to succeed John Munson as man aging director of Syntex Pharmaceuticals, the Maidenhead-based British subsidiary.

Dr Stoppard is well-known as

medical journalist, particul-arly through science pro-grammes for children's television. Munson's predecessor, David Moreau, was a spare-time novelist and left to write

Munson has been promoted to responsibility for the Calif-ornian group's subsidiaries and joint venture companies in Europe and Africa.

Dr Stoppard joined Syntex in 1968 and became deputy man-



Syntex's Miriam Stoppard.

aging director last year. She was formerly senior registrar in dermatology at the University of Bristol. She is married to the playwright, Tom Stoppard.

Switchover

Michael Baughan, an assistant director and Eurocurrency expert at Lazards, is to help out the Export Credits Guarantee Department, which is preparing to switch from financing credit business in sterexport credit business in ster-ling to financing in dollars. On the one hand, ECGD has had to explain to anxious exporters how the new system will operate and on the other it has quickly had to familiarize itself with dollar financing techniques that it never needed to bother with before.

to bother with before.

Lazards has always been closely involved in export credit business. It claims some responsibility for the creation of the buyer credit system and is the most active of the merchant banks in the field of ECGD business.

It was logical therefore that it should release its support.

it should volunteer its support when the department found it-self tentatively entering uncharted foreign currency waters. Baughan will spend three months with ECGD, helping to ger the scheme off the ground. get the scheme out the ground.

In the past the department's loans have been fairly straightforward affairs, involving usually a single merchant bank and a clearing bank. Under the new scheme announced last year, a number of foreign banks will be drawn into the lending. will be drawn into the lending net funds will be raised in the Eurodollar interbank market, lending rates will be fixed in will be syndicated.



Hollowaad ...

"Disraeli was right. There are two nations—the indexlinked and the rest."

On the hop

Some time after most of the American banking establishment the blue-blooded New York investment banking house Morgan Stanley has also decided to set up a London branch, Morgan Stanley International

This, the bank says, does not mean a move from Paris, Morgan's European base since 1967, and two of the three joint managing directors, Archibald Cox, junior, and John W. Hyland, are likely to spend much of their time commuting between the true.

between the two.

The third, Jonathan Agnew, may, however, be in London for most of the time, since the London opening marks a large extension of the bank's Euro-pean operations. For a start, the bank, mainly known for its placing power with new issues, is emering the secondary mar-ket in Eurobonds and chose lending rates will be fixed in relation to the prevailing dollar rates and frequently big deals people and the City's good com-

But the new office, employing about forty people in the Commercial Union building in Undershaft, will also be handling the substantial United States share business done for European institutions and hitherto dealt with through New

Capitalist swine

More than 600 pigs left Stan-sted Airport, Essex, for Angola in one aircraft yesterday. It is said to have been the biggest pig consignment to be flown from Britain.

Their departure was reason for jubilation in the Cotswold Pig Development Company, Pig Development Company, which sold them to the Neto government in a peckage deal worth £150,000. Cotswold is an erm of the Nickerson cereal group, based in the Lincoln-shire Wolds. It already has export links with Portugal, the former ruler of Angola.

After arriving at Luanda the pigs, all breeding stock, are to

livestock manager, and Michael Eastman, assistant to the production director, will stay with them for a fortnight.

Raymond Alexander, export manager for Cotswold, said yesterday that he would follow in a month.

He made it clear that the

farms. Julian Leeds, Cotswold

company expects the deal to lead to further business. "In addition to the right type of pig", he said, "Cotswold has been able to provide scientific and technical services, plus the marketing back-up the Angolans wanted".

Whistle stops

Britain's holiday areas are among the "wettest" in the among the "wettest" in the country, according to the latest liquor licensing statistics for England and Wales from the Home Office. In the Isle of Wight there are 64 "on" and "off" licences per 10,000 head of population, or, put another way, for every 156 inhabitants there is a pub, club, hotel or off-licence.

off-licence.
Thereafter the league table, in descending order, reads like a tourist guide through England, with Cornwall, Devon, North Yorkshire, Cumbria and Somerset all featuring prominsomerser an reaturing promin-ently. Even in the temperance stronghold of Wales, Dyfed, Gwynedd and Powys, all rural-cum-holiday areas, have one liquor retailer for every 220 people.

The national average for Eng-

land and Wales is one licence for 431 people but city dwellers are most likely to find them-selves cramped for elbow room. Manchester, for example, has a licence for every 453 people, and London a measly shared between two state one for 527.

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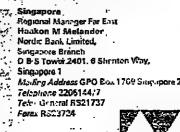


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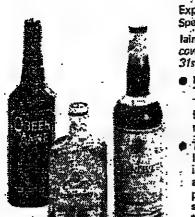
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lain Tennant, Chairman of The Glenlivet Distillers Limited, covered the following points in his review of the year to 31st December 1976.

The improvement in group performance has been maintained. Turnover has increased by 35% and profit before tax is up by 54%, due largely to increased sales volume and to better

margins, particularly overseas. In spite of economic and political problems, the whisky industry will go from strength to strength provided it can

achieve a reasonable return on its investment. It is vital that prices rise to reflect the much higher costs of the whisky in stock and of the increasing quantities which must continue to be laid down. Providing nothing untoward happens during the next twelve months and we can achieve our 1977 sales target, we hope further to improve the performance of the company, although we do not anticipate such a marked increase in profit as there was in 1976.

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SEVENTH RECORD YEAR

In his statement for the year ended 31st December 1976. the Chairman, Mr. Ewart Boddington makes the following points:

*Both sales and profits were a record completed by mid-1978. for the seventh year in succession.

*Turnover is up 40.6% from £10,617,274 in 1975 to £14,931,014 in 1976. Pre-tax profits are up 36.6% from £2,127,000 to £2,906;000.

*During the year total sales in volume increased by 22.5% and Boddingtons' own beer sales increased by 25%.

*A major expansion of production capacity is under way and will be

*Net Current Assets increased from £343,000 in 1975 to £1.206,000 in 1976 of which £950.000 was raised by the Rights' Issue in May.

*The proposed final dividend for the year of 1.5p per share makes a total for the year of 3.5p per share (1975: 1.8888p per share), the maximum permitted by agreement with the Treasury at the time of the Rights' Issue in May 1976.

Annual General Meeting, Board Room, Manchester Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ship Canal House, King Street, Manchester, 12 noon, Tuesday, 10th May, 1977. Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained from: The Company Secretary, PO Box No 331. Strangeways Brewery, Manchester M60 3EL.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Pay policy worries cloud equities

figures were a little better than most City estimates, market sentiment was overshadowed by pay policy worries which were heightened by Mr Jack Jones's

weekend remarks. Light profit-taking in the first two hours set the pattern of the day, with prices never recovering from this early set-back. By 11 am, the FT Index was 8.6 lower and though many leading industrial stocks firmed a penny or two thereafter, it was still 7.4 off at 409.1 by the

In the guile-edged market, strong, early selling brought

Most companies try to make their paper attractive by multi-plying it with scrip issues. Not International Combustion which is going the other way. It is understood to be render-It is understood to be rendering five shares now 12 p aniece into one "heavy" of 62 p by writing up the nominal value from 5p to 25p and shrinking the number in issue. A solid share is thought to look less speculative and more attractive to institutions. Meanwhile, profits this year will probably rise from £1.78m to at lease

losses of up to 52 for long dates. Buyers came in at the lower levels, but by the end most stocks still stood a point and a

"Shorts" saw much less business as prices were marked down before the sellers had a chance to assert themselves. They closed with losses of three quarters. As in equities, the trade figures made little impact and a point of more immediate

Some of the biggest losses came among the blue chip consider, where ICI at 348p, Fisans 330p and Unilever 448p all lost 8p and Glaxo were

lowered 5p to 468p.
With general trading almost at a samusful at times, there is couple of peace to 38 p while were a number of speculative others in retreat were Gus "A" features. The more prominent included Myson, up 4p to 58p, Savoy "A", which rose 5p to 50p; Aarouson Brothers, where profits were accompanied by talk of terms from a Dutch group with the shares cising 7p to 64p and A. Monk which gained 4p to 67p.

SPR Investments shot up 7p to 116p after a bid from Wedgwood which gave up 8p to 170p in spite of dividend and profit forecasts. A demail of merger talk left Hunting Associated unchanged at 128p and Hunting Gibson 2p to the good at 178p, after fouching 180p earlier.

. In the stores sector, mail-order house Empire Stores fell a penny to 114p in spite of profits which were above most

others in refreat were Gog. A. With Sectombe Marshau off 109 for 213p, Bebenhams 4p to 230p, Gerrard & National 5p 79p and British Home Stores to 143p and Union 5p to 335p.

Among merchant banks in retreat were Hambros 4p to taking were Smiths Industries, 154p, Gof 173p and 153p. off 4p to 137p, Yarrow lower by 7p to 193p and Hay's Whari which lost 6p for a close of

160p. Issues to benefit from comment were JB Holdings at 47 pp, Westward TV at 19p and Forminster at 96p. BSR, where over 95 per cent of the rights shares have been taken up, were 4p off at 113p. Reyrolle Parsons soured 6p to 165p after figures above most estimates, but Decca "A" lost 5p

Latest dividends

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Сопрацу -	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	dir	ago	date	total	Vear
Brit Empire Secs (5p) Int	0.15	0.14	6 '5	-	0.53
Danish Bacon (SI) Fin	3.93	3.25	19.'3	7.43	6.75
Elect & Ind Secs (250) Fin	1.7	1.62		2.66	2.43
Empire Stores (25p) Fig.	1.8	1.64	15.6	3.33	3.93
Geers Gross (10n) Fin	1.53	1.37±	31/5	2.78	2.1£
Stanley Gibbons (25p) Fin	1.44	1.37	9.6	2.74	257
Hestair (25p) Fin	3.33	1.63	17	5.6	3.13
London Utal Iny (5p) Fin	1.88	1.71	8.6	3.76	3.42
Reed Executive (5p) - Fig	-2.0	1.2 .	1.6	3.0	4.43
Revertex Chemicals					
(25p) Fin-	3.1	2,82	27	4.83	4.42
Reyrolle Parsons (£1) Fin	5.25	7.0	10 '6	9-73	7.0
Tricentrol (25p) Fin	0.75	_	_	1.35*	
Walker & Homer (50) Int	0.45	0.45	30.3		1.3
Wood & Sons (5p) Fin	0.59	0.33	25:3	0.59	0.53
S. Lyles (20p) Int	2.0	1.0	1/7		4.0
W. Tyzack, Sous (25p) Int	G.62	1.25	_		2.7
Duiker Explor (35t) Int	22.5†	8† 5 †		-	20+
Tweefentein Utd (50c) Int	47 t	5 †			25 †

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Declared gross. † Cents per stare. ‡ Adjusted for scrip.

estimates. Sears Holdings, far-ing the prospect of an inquiry and Midland 4p to 2789. The into the footwear industry, lost a couple of peace to 38 p while in some of the discount houses with Seccombe Marshall off 10p

a close of 170p.

With interest rates now close to the bottom of their cycle, property shares came under some pressure with Hammerson "A" losing 8p to 397p and both Land Securities 162p and Great

Portland 208p lower by 4p. Including the troublesome Canadian business, there is a wide range of profit forecasts for Hawker Siddeley whose full-year profits are due today. Most estimates are pitched between £80m and £90m, against £65.5m. Solid progress is expected in the electrical and mechanical engineering business but borrowings on the aerospace side, now nationalized, introduce a note of uncertainty. The shares slipped 10p to 510p.

Equity turnover on April 15 was £62.27m (12,559 bargains). According to Exchange Telegrach, active stocks yesterday were ICI, GKN new, and old, Lloyds Bank, BAT Drd, Marks & pencer, Distillers, GEC, Glaxo, Unilever, National Westminster, Scottish & Newcastle, Adda International, Bowater, Bee-cham, Aaronson Bros. Gallen-kamp, Revrolle Parsons, RTZ, Savoy "A" and SPR Invest-

Fine Storey now but a dull one

Burger of the state of

this year By Ray Maughan Stoney Brothers the personal and home decor specialist, has

fulfilled its promise of high

growth in the 53 weeks to January 2 last with a 23 per cent pre-tax; improvement to £4.04m. Turnover during the year rose by £8.7m to £36m but prospects this year rest largely on better volume overseas and an upturn in the suddenly patchy transfer printing market

Over-capacity has hit the infant transfer printing industry, where Storey has enjoyed. handsome growth from scratch. market apparently hit a nadir: last October.

Sales are now somewhat healthier but the board headed by Dr David Harper is expecting no more than a return to 1975 profit this year with between 5 and 10 per cent growth thereafter. The new £1.2m plant in Virginia, however, is soon expected to reach ever is soon expected to reach break-even throughput.

Wet process transfer printing offers further scope long term but, although Storey can already supply the paper, customers are not yet fully geared up to the new tachnology.

United Kingdom demand is expected to be static this year and export growth depends and export growth depends heavily on the upturn in world trade and the value of sterling relative to other currencies,

The shares dropped 2p yes-terday to 56p. On the maximum permitted gross dividend of 5.23p they wield just under 8

Wedgwood follows the road for dividend raising in £4.7m bid

By Ray Maughan
Wedgwood, the Staffordshirebased pottery and glassware
group, is taking the cheap route
around the dividend-raising issue queue with an f4.7m for SPR Investments, formerly San Paulo (Brazilian) Railway, where Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Mr A. H. Ball and Mr F. A. Butcher currently represent Lonhro's 29.63 per cent bolding.

in order to reduce stamp duty SPR intends to throw a one-for-three capitalization issue after which Wedgwood will offer seven ordinary shares and 15p cash for every 40 SPR Wedgwood shares dropped 8p o 170p in difficult market condicions yesterday, so that the paper offer is equivalent to 120\(^1\)p per existing SPR share. The offer has been underwritten

General Estates, has indicated that it will accept the cash offer and will vote for the share-

it was generally accepted in the market yesterday that Wedgwood will not be the last to use this dividend raising avenue. Underwriters are happier with the acquisition of physical assets—SPR is virtually a galt-edged shell—and it is therefore possible to see the therefore possible to get the price "tighter" to the prevalling market price.

The cash alternative is underwritten at a 3 per cent discount to the current market price which might be constanted with

which might be constructed with conventional rights issues which provided a discount of 17 per cent at GKN and an effective discount of around 21 per cent



Sir Arthur Bryan, chairman of

rear to April 2 last. At the same ime, the board headed by Sir Armbur Bryan is forecasting a £600,000 pre-tax profit improve-ment for the year to £7.6m.

The basis of computing stocks The offer has been underwritten at 165p per Wedgwood share to give a cash alternative to SPR shareholders equivalent to 117p for each existing SPR share, which matches the trust's cur-

Disclosures on 5pc stakes begin to trickle

Disclosures under the 1976

which came into force yester-day, started to trickle into the Stock Exchange yesterday. But with a full 14 working. days' grace in which to comply, many more can be expected to arrive in the next couple of

stake which must be declared in a public company from ten to 5 per cent. Holders of such stakes at the date the Act came into force have 14 days in which to declare. But all new holdings must be declared within five

None of yesterday's declarations were particularly note-worthy. Mr Terry Maher revealed he held 7½ per cens of his master investment com-

Greens Econom notified of shareholdings of 5 per cent or more, ITC Pension Trust 500,000 shares. Sun Alliance & London Assurance 430,000, Scottish American Investment 518,050, P. S. Gar-nett and R. Garnett 620,422, and S. L. Green 1.22 million.

Petrocon announced that Mr.
R. Atkinson, holds 7 per cent
and Negretti & Zambra
announced that Jorchaut Holdings had informed it of a 7.6 per cent holding. Negretti went further and said that with the exception of directors they were not aware of any other party with a holding of between 5 and ten per cent. And, finally, the Berry Trust has declared a 71 per cent holding in G. T. Japan Investment Trust.

While the stakes so far revealed have had little investment impact, others in the pipe-line may have more effect. The stock market is watching & Co-Mr D. Bass has 6.8 per carefully for Arab interests.

Royal, Commercial Union are travelling well

Two composite insurance and catastrophes, groups, including the biggest are pedalling up the insurance Daniel Meinertal cycle this year

Commercial Union Assurance turned round in 1976 from £10.2m of losses to £47.3m of pre-tax profits and shareholders of business were told at yesterday's annual meeting by Sir Francis Sandilands, chairman that there should be a further improvement this year. The forecast; depends on economics, politics companies.

The annual statement of Mr Daniel Meinertzhagen, chairman of Royal Insurance is equally confident: He thinks that the steps taken in recent years bave raised the quality

The chairman also points out that the group had in many parts of the world converted operations from braches into locally established domestic

Stanley Gibbons tops £1m

By Ashley Draker
Full-time results of Stanley
Gibbons International, the stamps and magazines group, justify the buoyancy of Mr A. L. Michael, chairman, at the halfway mark in September. At that time no beadway was made with profits stalling at £350,000. But for the whole of 1976 taxable eurnings topped film for the first time with a 36 per cent rise to £1.31th. This is easily a

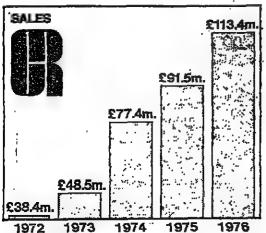
E9.19m compared with £7.05m. ings a share improved from This justifies the chairman's 15.63p to 20.6p. It pays a total optimism in late September that dividend lifted from 4.11p gross prospects for turnover were to 4.22p.
"excellent". Early in the final Stamps remain the leading quiet month with no auction over contributing about 44 per sales, the rest of the group did cent to turnover. Albums and tember, auctions were held in Frankfurt, London and Warn stage, in August traditionally a courributor to profits and turn-quiet month with no auction over contributing about 44 per

poured in

Frankfurt, London and Hong. 30 per cent, and office supplies kong at which material worth around 13 per cent. Other secover film were offered. Eids tors are magazine sales and advertising bringing in 3 per The increase was achieved on Net profit jumped from cent, banknotes and coins some turnover some £3m higher at £479,000 in 1976 on which earn- 7 per cent.

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Extracts from Chairman's Statement, Michael J. Dargan.

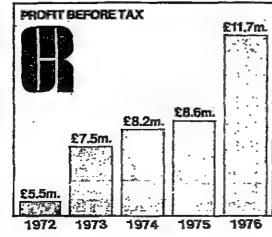
The Group's profit at £11,661,000, an increase of 34,7" over 1975, represents a fine performance by management and employees. The increase was influenced by substantially lower interest costs, by a significant increase in the contribution from our overseas interests, and by the buoyancy of the agricultural sector in Ireland.

Return on Capital

The Board is implementing a programme for ... improvement, the pace of which represents a balancing exercise between long term strengths and more short term returns. Our very large investments in strategically placed aggregate-bearing lands and in technology such as the Platin development and our Belgard Quarry, underpin a future of expansion, but do not in the short term show themselves so

Platin Coment Plant Extension We embarked in 1974 on our Platin cement plant

expansion and its enormous capital outlay of some £40m. It is still within the approved capital budget and projected programme for completion before the end of this year. We underlook this Platin outlay so that we would be amongst the most efficient manufacturers in Europe and our timing has turned out to be good, indeed better than we could have foretold.



Sales	£113.4m.	+23.9
Profit before Tax	£11.7m.	+34.7
Earnings per Share	11.22p.	+32.5
Dividend per Share	4.06p.	+19.5
Dividend Cover (Time:	s) 2.62	

Diverse Activities Our trading profits this year were supported by substantial improvement in performance by our interests abroad and by increased exports from Ireland. Our Dutch company, Van Neerbos, returned a satisfactory increase in

Cement-Roadstone Holdings Limited

Capital Expenditure £19.4m. +29.1

(No Dividend Restraint in Ireland) 4.06p 1972 1973 1974 1976

profits and offers a beachinead for future development. Forficrete in England, with the success of its latest plant at Shepton Mallet, has brought in its best ever profit. Our running investment in Cyprus has earned a substantially enhanced return. We increased our exports by 34% and now serve some

% Change

DIVIDEND PER SHARE

his accomatic that growth of business and therefrom growth in employment can come only from investment. Since 1970 we in Cement-Roadstone have expended £79m. in fixed investment. In 1976 alone line amount was £19.4m. and in the current year will be not less than £18m. Unless we are enabled to earn a reasonable profit and an adequate return on our investments, commensurate with the risk, we will have neither the ability morthe will to invest.

Weare in a strong financial position, with the ratio of Debtto Shareholders' Funds at a modes 124.3%. This, together with our substantial cash flow and already arranged large unused borrowing facilities, ensures that we can quickly take Up investment opportunities.

Your Board and management are dedicated to enhancing problability. We aim at a pattern of steady

Scotland Bkdeposits up

to £1,352m Current accounts and deposits of the Bank of Scotland in-creased from £1,131m to £1,352m in the year to end-February. Within that total the group's foreign currency deposits rose about 50 per cent to form some one sixth of the

Of advances to customers, up from £756m to £879m, about a quarter relates to medium-term lending. Fixed assets at year-end were up from 260m to 263m. Reflecting the building of the new computer centre, year-end commitments rose from £3.43m to £4.42m. RAINE/SHEFFIELD BRICK

Board of Raine Engineering amounce that offer of March 17 for ordinary of Sheffield Brick extended until Friday. Acceptances received for 41,000 ordinary (5.17 per cent of shares to which offer relates). BEAVERBROOK. NEWS
Trustees of the Beaverbrook
Foundation bought 1,400 ordinary
shares of Beaverbrook Newspapers
on March 25 and 15,000 ordinary
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brook involved as trustees are: Sir Max Aitken. Mr J. E. G. Stavens, Mr P. A. Hetherlogtod, Mr Max-well Aidken and Mr J. Junor. SIME CUTS HOLDING Sime Darby Holdings' subsidiary, Consolidated Plantations, has sold its investment in Highlands & Low-lands, reducing the Sime interest to less than 10 per cent. Its remaining interest is held through Seafield Amaigamated Rubber.

HAMPTON GOLD Under agreement with Pacific Copper and others, Hampton Areas Australia is to buy 30 per cent equity interest in a wolfram mining joint venture at Torrington, NSW for \$A250,000.

AMC REDUCES RATES AMC REDUCES RATES
Agricultural Mortgage Corporation reports that lending rates of
interest for all new loans completed on or after April 19 will
be reduced from 17 to 14 per cent
for variable rate loans and from
16 to 14 per cent for fixed rate
loans.

Amax veto planned

will probably vote its 20 per cent CR holding against the pro-posed merger into Louisiana Land Exploration. The Amax move threatens another merger disappointment for CR. One informed source said that

it is probable that CR directors will begin manueuvres soon to try m save the share-exchange proposal by winning a renego-tiation of terms.—AP-Dow terms.-AP-Dow Pfizer growth

Pfizer Incorporated, the United States pharmaceutical company, expects an improving rate of growth in sales and earnings as the year progresses, the president, Mr Gerald Laubach, told the annual meeting. He said the company planned to spend about \$100m (about 558.8m) on research and development this year. Pfizer at present has some new pharmacenticals at advanced stages.— Reuter.

B F Goodrich

B. F. Goodrich, the American tyre group, expects to see a continuation of the first quarter earnings' trend during the rest of the year if general economic conditions remain good, the chairman, Mr Pendleton Thomas, states. The company is particularly encouraged by im-provements in the largest of its three lines of business—tyres and related products—where operating income rose significantly in the first quarter.-

Salzgitter fears loss

The West German Stateowned steel and shipping concern Salzgitter AG's 1976-77
group result is expected to be
worse than in the previous
year. It then had a break-even balance sheet result only after
drawing on DM50m (about the ounter showed a 9 per cent

Amax incorporated has in- £12m) of open reserves. The formed Copper Range that it result is expected to depend on group steel activities, where Salzgitter is proceeding very cautiously because there is still no sign of a genuine change in the market's difficult position.—Reuter.

> Jardine Matheson slips Jardine Matheson, the Hongkong-based international trading company, announces that its carnings after tax for the year-ended December 31 of \$8.4m (HK\$16.0m) showed a decrease of 18.7 per cent compared with 1975. It has been recommended that the dividend for 1976 be maintained at HK\$0.20.

Transam hopeful

Transamerica, the diversified services corporation of San Francisco, states that first quarter results should establish foundations for improved 1977 earnings. It said that all subsidiaries contributed to higher earnings with Occidental Life, the largest subsidiary, reporting record first-quarter results. Its net income rose to \$12.7m (57.4m) on a turnover of \$307.6m.—Reuter.

MKU finance needs

Mary Kathleen Uranium must be allowed price increases by May 31 if it is to remain viable, Mr Frank Espie, chairman, told the annual meeting. This, plus a consultant's report were necessary to justify fur-ther funds being provided.—

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FINANCIAL NEWS

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tein and Ventersport falling 6-8

By Ronald Pullen

Despite the sharp rise in costs
at West Drie, a slightly improved grade has offset the fall
inspiring start yesterday with in mill throughput and working profits were down only R2.3m to R291

Kloof looks to be overcoming Kloof looks to be overcoming earlier production problems with the milling rate up, grade steady and a small rise in costs with the result that working profits rose from R4.6m to R5.5m. And at East Drie only a marginal production fall coupled with higher grade has raised profits sharply to R25.5m.

Of the Barlow mines, Harmony has done particularly well to double gold working profits to R3.36m despite a marginal reduction in mill throughput; and uranium profits, though well down on t profits, though well down on the previous quarter's R14.8m boosted by stockpile sales, of R9m were better than expected. For the rest, old stagers like Bast Rand Proprietary Mines, and Durban Deep despite holding production levels are suffering declining grades and rising costs all the time and will need the June quarter's rise in the gold price to staunch their evertising losses.

Insurance leads way as London United doubles

y London United Investmen for 1976 turns out to be a 100 per cent jump to a record 11.73m pre-tax. Turnover was 64.8 per cent up at £9.22m.

As forecast, it pays a total raised from 5.26p to 5.79p gross. Earnings per share rose from 6.34p to 12.15p.

Insurance continued its up-ward trend, though all sections showed substantial progress.

Hestair on target A 29 per cent rise in pre-tax

profits, a 17 per cent improvement in turnover and a 49 per cent increase in exports come from Hestair. In the year to January 31, turnover rose from 145,32m to 153,43m and pre-tax profits from 13,11m to 14,01m compared with the forecast of compared with the forecast of the made at the time of the Spear & Jackson bid. Total dividend up from 4.92p to 8.63p.

Reed Executive slip

Sales of Reed Executive to January 1 slipped from £11.7m to £11.2m and pre-tax profits from £502,000 to £384,000. The wall dividend in turn is cut from 6.82p to 4.62p. The board states that improvement shown in the second-half continued through the first quarter of the current year. It looks to a "sound" first-half performance.

· Harris & Sheldon

The auditors' report in the 1976 accounts of Harris & Sheldon Group is qualified. The auditors say that the extraordinary items shown in the profit and loss account include £127,000, which after taking into account tax of £66,000, amount to £61,000, which are not "extraordinary items" as defined in SSAP No 6. The pre-tax profit against which these

The "further advance in should be charged is, in the profits" forecast at half-time auditors' opinion overstated by auditors' opinion, overstated by

Danish Bacon scrip

Although turnover of Danish Bacon rose from £179.7m to £199.6m in 1976, pre-tax profits fell from £2.27m to £1.82m. However, with tax recoverable this year of £382,000, against a charge of £403,000, net profits catage of 2403,000, net profits are up from £1.87m to £2.21m. Earnings per share rose from 56p to 66p and the total gross dividend is up from 10.39p to 11.44p. A scrip of one "A" and one "B" share for every four held is being made.

Peak for Revertex

In 1976 turnover of Revertex In 1976 turnover of Revertex Chemicals jumped by 51 per cent to a record £44.79m, on which pre-tax profits rose 16.4 per cent to a best-ever £3.3m. The total gross payment is raised from 6.8p to 7.49p. Dr Ernest Brookman, chairman, says that the result was "somewhat disconning " what disappointing "

Henry Sykes improve

Despite the recession in the Despite the recession in the construction industry and the severe drought in the United Kingdom, pre-tax profits of Henry Sykes rose from £1.55m to £1.77m in 1976, Sales were up from £11.62m to £15,21m. The total dividend is being rised from 1.40 m 1.56n This

BSR buying again

Just as BSR's new shares in the one for five rights issue at 105p went fully paid it reported that the bid for Judge International had gone unconditional with 80.1 per cent acceptances. Nice timing was also shown with the disclosure that it is buying a Canadian company, Keron (records, changers) for Cana-dian \$6.6m.

Business appointments

Changes at Pilkington

Mr L. N. Wall and Mr J. Leighton-Boyce are to become deputy chairmen of Pilkington Brothers from September 3, after br G. W. T. Bird, executive vice-chairmen chairman, retires from full-time chairman, retires from full-time crecutive work. Mr Bird will remain a director. The post of executive vice-chairman will cease to eiest from that date. Dr R. S. Oliver and Mr G. N. Hey are to join the board from July 1. Mr Kenneth Cork, a director of Plantation Holdings, is to succeed Mr S. W. Livesey as chairman on July 1. Mr Livesey will remain a director.

a director.

Following the resignation through ill-health of Mr A. Lebus, Mr E. P. Bennett has been named deputy chairman of Harris Lebus in addition to being managing director. Mr R. G. Willmott becomes finance director as well as company secretary.

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Mr John Halbert has been appointed chairman of Associated Rilish Machine Tool Makers (Holdings) while remaining group managing director.

Mr D. A. Crockatt has become deputy chairman and Mr R. P. Bollom group managing director of Johnson Group Cleaners. Mr J. Crockatt remains chairman.

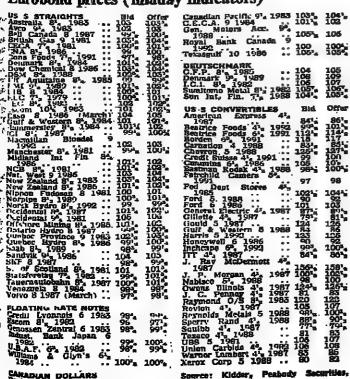
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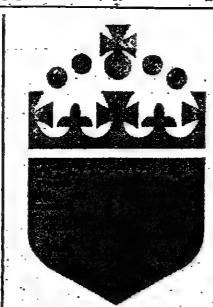
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Aerospace. Mr D. W. Allen,
executive director (Brough) of
Hawker Siddeley Aviation, will be
made chief internal auditor of
British Aerospace from Marie Mr Denis Tabor has been appointed deputy chairman and managing director of Barclays Australia. British Aerospace from May 1.

Mr Bryden Henderson, Mr Alexander Stratton and Mr Dun-can McDlarmid have joined the main board of Reed & Smith (Holdings).

Mr J. E. Searle has been named chief manager, London of The Commercial Banking Co of Sydney to succeed Mr I. S. Mackenzie, who returns to Australia in June as chief manager, managing director's department, head office, Sydney.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)





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Salient points from Mr. Daniel Meinertzhagen's Statement

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Insurance Company Limited will be held on Wednesday 11th May, in Liverpool. The following extracts are from a statement by the Chairman, Mr. Daniel Meinertzhagen, sent to stockholders with the 131st Annual Report and.

RESULTS FOR 1976

Despite the many problems that continue to confront us, we were able to show a considerable increase in the profit before tax. the final result being a profit of £78.1 m compared with £32.7m in 1975.

The underwriting result was a loss of £17.8m which compared with the loss of £32.4m in 1975. The substantial improvement in underwriting was achieved, not only in the United States but also in other major territories overseas. Canada showed a marked improvement and in Australia the previous year's substantial recovery was extended into a welcome return to underwriting profitability. In Europe the adverse experience continued to be due to difficult conditions in the Netherlands but elsewhere overseas there was in total a satisfactory level of profit.

For the first time in some years the United Kingdom had an underwriting loss—a very small one—which having regard to the exceptional amount of claims arising from the violent storms which took place in January 1976 and also from subsidence caused by the drought conditions during the year was a creditable result.

There was a substantial increase in investment income of £29.9m to £92.4m, of which approximately £5.8m stemmed from the investment of the money raised by the rights issue and £11.7m from the effects of the depreciation of sterling. The balance reflects the real underlying growth of some 20%.

At the year-end the Group's capital and free reserves amounted to £466m which is equivalent to 42½% of 1976 premiums.

The operating profit for the year after taxation was £50.2m, compared with £21.1 m in 1975, and the final dividend recommended of 8.896p will bring the total distribution for the year to 14.726p compared with 13.387p in 1975.

Retained profits at £28.1 m were substantially higher than in 1975 (£2.6m) but they alone are still not sufficient to keep the level of capital and free reserves rising in line with the growth of premium income, which reflects not merely the growth in business but also the effects of inflation. It is to retained profits and to market appreciation on the investment portfolio that we must look in the first place to finance future growth of both kinds. This is a problem common to all the larger insurance markets throughout the world and, with stock market performance in most major territories tending to be even less likely than in times past to keep up with inflation, the retained profit element assumes greater importance in meeting future financing requirements.

NATIONALISATION PROPOSALS

One of the more unwelcome developments during the year was the statement presented and adopted at the annual conference of the Labour Party in September 1976 recommending the nationalisation of the four leading clearing banks and the seven principal insurance companies in the United Kingdom, including the Royal. The Prime Minister has made it clear that nationalisation of these companies is not part of his Government's policy and we would hope that no such proposals will find their way into the Labour Party's next election manifesto. The mere threat of nationalisation has, however, already had harmful effects, for it is not easy to convince an overseas client or agent or indeed our overseas staff that a party conference resolution is not the same as government policy. The proposals can only be described as wholly ill-conceived and wholly bad, not just for the companies concerned, but also for the rest of the insurance industry (and banking) and, indeed, for the economy of the country as a whole. British insurance is a highly competitive and efficient industry which makes a vital contribution to our country's economy, not least through its substantial overseas earnings. Our own Group writes nearly a quarter of the overseas general business of British insurance companies.

There are suggestions from time to time that the investing institutions, such as insurance companies, are in some way responsible for a lack of investment in industry. In fact, the insurance industry has always been, and continues to be, one of the major sources of industrial finance. Declining investment by industry is not due to a lack of readiness on the part of insurance companies to provide finance, but rather because confidence has been sapped by the political attitudes adopted towards industry by Government, the growing web of legislation and bureaucratic controls and the high cost of money arising from excessive public sector spending and consequent borrowing requirements. It is not the supply of funds that has failed but the demand for them.

Much of the resources of the insurance companies are made up of personal long-term savings through life assurance or under pension schemes. The companies rightly regard it as their prime duty to invest these savings in the best long-term interests of their policyholders. In view of the substantial proportion of the population covered by life assurance and pension schemes, it seems reasonable to suppose that these interests equate with the national interest.

WILSON COMMITTEE

We welcome the appointment by the Prime Minister of the Wilson Committee to enquire into the role and functioning at home and overseas of the financial institutions in the United

Kingdom and their value to the economy and, in particular, to review the provision of funds to industry and trade. The insurance industry is very happy to co-operate with this Committee in its enquiries and we in the Royal will be playing our full part. We feel that this does give us an opportunity to explain perhaps more fully than we have done so far the structure of our industry and how we operate throughout the world in providing an essential service.

BULLOCK COMMITTEE

Another recent development of major importance has been the publication of the Report by the Bullock Committee on Industrial Democracy. The proposals it contains are now well-known and as far as we in the insurance industry are concerned the whole subject is a matter of great significance, not only as it affects us as companies, but also in our role as investors in a wide range of other major companies to which the proposals apply. The sweeping changes in board structures and responsibilities proposed in the Report would, in our opinion, create many more problems than they would solve and it is imperative that ample time for consideration and discussion is given before any action is taken on the recommendations. Otherwise confidence in industry and commerce is likely to be seriously undermined and recovery from the present economic difficulties impeded.

In the Royal there is a general recognition of the mutuality of interest between the company and the staff. In the United Kingdom much has already been done to extend the involvement of staff by participation and consultation through recognised trade union channels. On the strength of our experience of participation we submitted evidence to the Bullock Committee saying that we would be firmly opposed to the appointment of worker-directors other than on an entirely voluntary basis and advocating the need for participation to be developed from the bottom upwards. We have a world-wide business, some 80% of which is transacted overseas, and 60% of Group staff are located overseas. We cannot believe that legislation giving effect to the proposals of the Bullock Committee's majority report would be other than harmful to the interests of our company and its ability to contribute to the national interest by playing a full part in the insurance markets of the world.

PROSPECTS

It is not our practice to forecast our future progress but I believe that the actions we have taken in recent years throughout the world have greatly improved the fundamental quality of our business and, although we must be continually alert to changing circumstances, I think we are well placed to face the future. As has already been reported, we have in many parts of the world, and for a variety of reasons, been converting our operations from branches into locally established domestic companies and we believe that this too will help our ability to continue expanding, and expanding profitably.

Finally, I express gratitude on behalf of the stockholders and the Board for the devotion shown by the management, staff and agents throughout the world to the conduct of the company's affairs. I am confident that, with the continued exercise of their skill and determination, we shall be able to show further improvements in the company's fortunes in the current year.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from The Registrars Department, 1 North John Street, Liverpool L69 2AS.

Summary of Consolidated Results 1975 · £m Suneral Insurance Premiums 1,091-8 **786-9 --17-8** General Insurance Underwriting Result -32-4 investment Income on Stockholders and General Insurance Funds 62-5 Stockholders' Long-term insurance Profits Share of Associated Companies' Profits 32.7 Profit before toxetion less UK and Overseas Taxation **0.2** Minority Interests 0.4

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Excess supply of 1980 forecast

UK metal stocks

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New York, April 18.—The world copper market will continue to be burdened by excess supply through 1980 the Kennecott Copper Corp says in its annual report for 1976. However, it added, in later years demand will probably be greater than supply.

The company based its forecast on the assumption will grow at an annual rate of 3.25 per cent, almost 25 per cent less than the rate of the past 30 years. Substitution, a dower growth rate for world economies and slower growth in industries using copper are factors possibly affecting future consumption, it added.

Kennecott Copper also said that free world copper supply, which has grown at an average annual rate of 3.75, per cent since 1950, will increase only an average annual rate. of 3.75, per cent since 1950, will increase only an average 1.5 per cent a year to the years 1977 to 1981 as low prices and high costs discourage investment.

The firm said that during 1976 it increased its copper market share, attributable to Rannecott's evergreen pricing policy adopted in late 1975 to enable consumers

evergreen pricing policy adopted in late 1975 to enable consumers to price materials as much as three-months forward.

Foreign Exchange

The Bank of England mounted a powerful defensive intervention effort around sterling, involving the expenditure of up to \$100m in support in European currency

A potentially beavy speculative attack on the currency by some banks in Europe was blumed by the Bridsh central bank's opera-tions while a later reversal of the fall meant the Bank was able to buy back most of the dollars it

spent.
The pound closed at \$1.7195, up
15 points on Friday's close. It's
effective exchange rate was up 0.1

The Bank of England's intervention, representing one of its most intense periods of support for sterling in several months, was needed after the market grew increasingly apprehensive that the voluntary British wage restraint

codes will break down this closed at \$151.375 an \$0.5 down on Friday's Gold

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Discount market | Supporters of quota system likely

required to give extremely large assistance to relieve a shortage of credit on Lombard Street, yesterday. The authorities bought a large amount of Treasury bills, purchased a moderate amount of corporation bills and also, for technical reasons, lent a small sum overnight to one or two houses

at MLR (9 per cent).

Identified factors indicated that the help was rather overdone, leaving banks with above target belances to carry forward. Against it, balances were well run down over the weekend, there was a pretty modest Treasury bill take up to finance and there was a fairly large excess of revenue receipts over Government dis-

Rates were up in the region of Si-8i per cent for most of the day but, after the Bank's programme of assistance, balances were finally taken at between 7i and 8 per

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to win the day at sugar talks

This week the world sugar trade's version of Stage Three

wage talks begins in Geneva as representatives of major producing and consuming

So volatile has been the behaviour of prices in recent years that both sides must now be keen to revive the pact. In their search for a com-

mon strategy to stabilize sugar prices, producers and consum-ers could also help to repair some of the damage caused by the breakdown of recent nego-tiations on the \$6,000m com-mon fund proposal of the United Nations Conference on

Trade and Development.

For many Third World producers, the buffer stock fund was the main platform in their campaign for higher commodity prices. Now, the consumer camp has an opportunity to alleviate the feast of tunity to alleviate the fears of many producers and demon-strate that it is truly committed to some form of price

stabilization.
In particular, the Geneva sugar summit offers the developed countries the chance to present an alternative to the buffer stock type arrangement which so many of them seem to oppose. For even producer countries argue that stocks should play a subsidiary role

in any new sugar accord.

What they are seeking is a pact similar to the 1968 ISA.

The cornerstone of this type of agreement would be the export quota, which would be divided

amongst producers.

Under this system, three wide price bands would be established, related to which would be the export quota. This would change whenever prices crossed into a new range, the general principle being that quotas would be increased whenever prices moved higher, and cut when there was a need to withhold sup-plies and bolster the market.

Commodities

Not that everybody advocates countries meet to discuss the the quota system. The EEC, creation of a new International for example, favours a version of the butter stock arrange ment based on the guaranteed intervention system operated within the Community itself under the Common Agricul-

tracal Policy. But many feel that this is a. system geared to creating unnecessary surpluses. A system of this kind, it is argued, woul dhold little for poorer producer, forcing them into expensive stock-holding opera-tions—and, presumably, without the financial support of

Unctad's Common Fund. The EEC has good reasons for favouring this type of system. Under the Lome conventem. Under the Lome convention it is committed to import 1,300,000 tonnes of sugar per year from the African, Caribbean and Pacific producers group. Since it is already in surplus, this means that the

Community has become a major sugar exporter. major sugar exporter.

Latest estimates put the EEC's total exportable surplus, including imports from ACP countries, at 1,800,000 tonnes. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the Community will oppose any moves which restrict sales to Third Countries and, by implication, threaten European producers, too.

European producers, too.

In its opposition to the wishes of other producers, though, the Community may stand alone, since it seems that the United States will opt for the quota system. And, say some producing countries, so long as the United States joins the agreement, its success is assured. The signature of the EEC, which was not a member of the 1968 pact, is n clonger

But while the broad outlines of the pact seem to have been-finalized even before the talks get under way, none of the quota.

crucial details has been estab. lished. Nobody yet knows how big the quotas will be, and how they will be related to

It seems clear that sugar sold under long-term agree ments-Cuba's exports to east to the EEC under Lome will be unaffected by the quotas but the criteria for allocating shares to individual exporters are still to be settled

are still to be settled. A country's past export perfor account though other stand and will have to be adopted in deciding quotas for emerging exporters and countries like Mexico, which has recently tumbled down the table of leading sellers.

Exporters, who will probably be expected to settle quota be expected to settle quota-allocations among themselves, have already made their price demands clear. According to Geplacea, the Lain American and Caribbean exporters' asso-ciation which controls 60 per-cent of total world output, any new agreement must, in effect. new agreement must, in effect, support a minimum price of 15

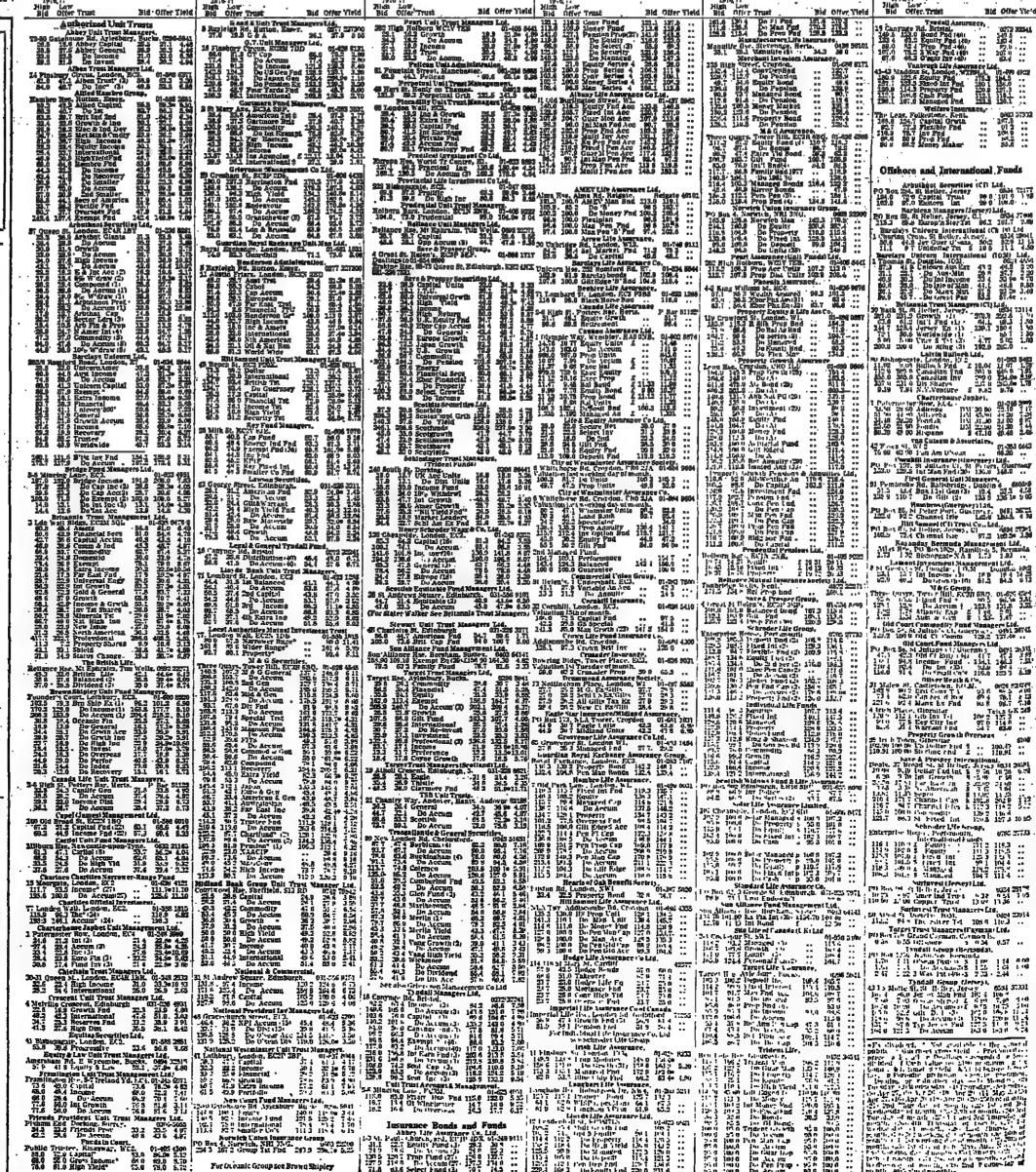
cents per lb at the very least.
For many producers, and particularly those in the Caribbean who are currently having difficulty meeting production costs, this is likely to become the key issue in Geneva. In deed there is even a suggestion that Cuba was surchasing that Cuba was purchasing sugar on the world market last week in an attempt to force prices higher and strengthen

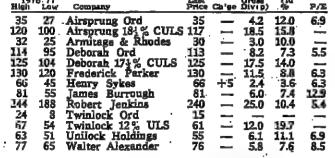
prices higher and strengthen the producers case.

That runour may be a little far-fetched, but producers have undoubtedly been holding out—and with some success-for higher prices.

There is a growing feeling that consumers may be prepared to make concessions in Geneva, supporting a move to pitch the minimum at 10 cents, in return for what they would consider a reasonable ceiling consider a reasonable ceiling price. One suggestion is that the United States may go the United States may go-slightly higher to clear the way for cuts in the domestic import

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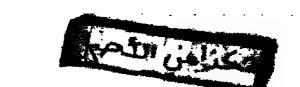
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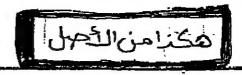
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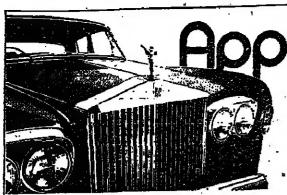
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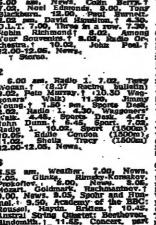
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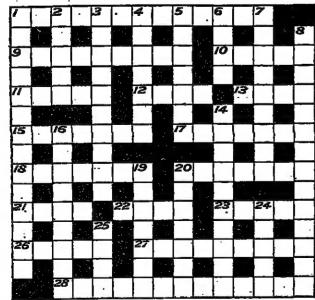
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20 Does making brushes thus

5 Old soldier fights again for ACROSS 1 Fruit of the union of a couple of reptiles, say (9, 4). 6 Literary Rugbeian beheaded

9 Bring to mind Sapper's prayer? (9). 10 Point south, to fish (5). 11 Titled Dickensian offensive about German capital (5).

8 Walker's first aid—for first violins? (7-7). 12 An actor God made, singers
claim (4).

13 Aristos in retreat run before

14 Othello's lieutenant makes much of an Ethiop queen (10).

the wind (4).

15 Look for his book in the first a port for relitting a 19 Will shows small mark of battle ? (7). crazy showman (7): 18 Frees about 12s (7): 20 Also the limits of bridge abound in difficulties? (7).
24 Political clique puts up party bill (5). 25 Move the jug (4).

teams (7). 21 A service return is a long way off (4). 22 Watercourse to notice in Maytair (4). Anard for topless opera singer? Right (5). 25 Sumble's law (5).

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28 How underdogs come out top at seances? (4, 3, 6).

1 Lights up the merry dancers (6, 8).
2 Some sense in such an interval, it's clear (5). 3 Deer that started as a pelican (6, 4).

4 Bird heard chirping in a high-fi set? (7).

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobertson,
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Easthourne, Margaret Since,
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grandchildren, Funeral at The
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EVERIDGE.—On April 18th, 1977.
home. Katheen
hobel, widow of John Everidge,
F.R.C.S., of 7 Winnole Street.
London, W.1.
No flowers,
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FOWLER.—On April 17th, in her 95th year, Windired, pointeed doughter of the late Reversed Memy Fowler, of St. Abon's. Funeral service at St. Mary's. Church, Sidlesham, Chichester, Friday, April 22nd, at 10.15 a.m.

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